

TOWN *Report*

1967



Merrimac, Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN *of* MERRIMAC
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,
1967



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DIRECTORY OF TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Robert L. Eckert

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John E. Flynn, Chairman

Wallace S. Carter

Raymond P. David

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Cecile C. Sargent, Chairman

Jean S. Stuart

Ubell D. Morgan

ASSESSORS

George P. Hardie - Resigned 12/26/67

Term Expires 1968

J. Duncan How

Term Expires 1969

Milton E. Webster

Term Expires 1970

Palmer E. Sargent - To fill unexpired term

TOWN CLERK

C. Howard Phillips

TAX COLLECTOR

Wilfred G. Journey

TOWN TREASURER

Roy C. Journey

MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSIONERS

Wilbur E. Wallace

Term Expires 1968

Robert K. Silvia

Term Expires 1969

John F. MacCarron

Term Expires 1970

MUNICIPAL WATER COMMISSIONERS

Wilbur E. Wallace	Term Expires 1968
Robert K. Silvia	Term Expires 1969
John F. MacCarron	Term Expires 1970

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Carl G. Olson	Term Expires 1968
Judith E. Silvia	Term Expires 1968
Raymond R. Walton	Term Expires 1969
Eida V. Jervy	Term Expires 1969
Lloyd D. Crossman	Term Expires 1970

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY

Merrill B. Smith	Term Expires 1968
Arthur R. Clark	Term Expires 1969
Alva W. Clark	Term Expires 1970

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Barbara N. Adams	Term Expires 1968
Charlotte P. Gulezian	Term Expires 1968
Olive S. Wilde - Resigned 2/6/67	Term Expires 1969
Eida V. Jervy	Term Expires 1969
Nancy C. MacGregor	Term Expires 1970
Robert L. Eckert	Term Expires 1970
Bernard C. Bickum - To fill vacancy	

TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

Maurice Carey	Term Expires 1968
Robert L. Richardson	Term Expires 1969
Wallace P. Spencer	Term Expires 1970

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

George J. P. Stevens	Term Expires 1968
Merrill B. Smith	Term Expires 1969
Michael J. McLaughlin	Term Expires 1970
Harold J. Hume	Term Expires 1971
Arthur R. Cloyd	Term Expires 1972

CHIEF OF POLICE

Maurice Carey

REGULAR POLICE OFFICERS

* Maurice Carey

* Wallace P. Spencer - Resigned 9/26/67
Bernard Connor

*Constables

* Frank J. Mathews

* Robert H. Adams
Arthur Evans

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Richard E. Sargent

Wallace P. Spencer

Edgar P. Sargent

TREE WARDEN

Edgar D. Sargent - Resigned 11/13/67

PLANNING BOARD

Peter F. Smiles

Arnold W. Spofford

Willard R. Davis

James P. Glidden

Clayton H. Sibley

Term Expires 1968

Term Expires 1969

Term Expires 1970

Term Expires 1971

Term Expires 1972

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Albert W. Lord

DOG OFFICER

Robert A. Smith

HEALTH NURSE

Elizabeth Pittman, R.N.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Gertrude C. MacKenzie

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE

Alfred F. Pariseau

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

George R. Buzzell

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

George R. Buzzell

Glen I. Blackden

Richard J. Powers

LEGAL COUNSEL

Louis A. Cyr

APPEALS BOARD

Martin L. MacLeod

Term Expires 1968

David W. Goodwin

Term Expires 1968

George E. Lucy

Term Expires 1969

A. Bruce MacGregor

Term Expires 1970

Norman F. Bishop

Term Expires 1970

Associate Member - Shirley Spencer

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

FRED A. SMITH, Honorary

Robert B. Jones - Schools

DR. HARRY BLOTNER, Honorary

Brian Peavey

ALEXANDER M. SULLIVAN, Honorary

George R. Buzzell

KENNETH HASKELL, Honorary

Albert W. Lord

Ronald C. Sarasin

Merrill B. Smith

George J. P. Stevens

Carl G. Olson

Robert A. Smith

Robert H. Adams

Raymond P. David

Richard G. Noone

Robert K. Silvia

Clayton K. Turner, Sr.

M. Lucille Gamelin - School Crossing

Wallace P. Spencer

John J. LaFrance

Albert B. Smith

Leon L. Dow

Frank Danforth

Eleanor M. Williams - Sch. Crossing

Roland Spinney

Ernest S. Packard

Peter Tilton

Rachael L. Adams - School Crossing

William J. Burns

FENCE VIEWERS

E. Palmer Sargent

John Carver

Kenneth E. Haskell

INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

George R. Hoyt

GAS INSPECTOR

James H. Gleason

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

George D. Keller, Jr.

INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Frederick Ingraham

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Edgar D. Sargent

BURIAL AGENT

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' GRAVE OFFICER

Harrison DeLong

VETERANS' AGENT

Harrison DeLong

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Richard Sargent	Term Expires 1968
Edgar D. Sargent	Term Expires 1969
Albert W. Lord	Term Expires 1970

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

C. Howard Phillips	
Edward C. Greeley	Term Expires 1968
Michael J. McLaughlin	Term Expires 1969
William L. Andrews - Deceased	Term Expires 1970
Cecil L. Dressler - to fill unexpired term	Term Expires 1970

JANITOR OF TOWN HALL

Joseph Gilmore

VOTE FOR OFFICERS ANNUAL ELECTION
March 6, 1967

Votes cast 585 (Men 299, Women 286)

Moderator, for one year:

Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	519
Blanks	66

Town Clerk, for one year:

C. Howard Phillips, 48 Church Street	487
Dorothy A. Cloyd, 97 E. Main Street	9
Blanks	89

Selectman, for three years:

Raymond P. David, 20 Pine Street	514
Raymond Walton, 3 West Main Street	1
William L. Andrews, 31 Church Street	1
Blanks	69

Board of Public Welfare, for one year:

Ubell D. Morgan, Sunset Terrace	482
Cecile C. Sargent, Bear Hill Road	490
Jean S. Stuart, Sawyer Street	458
Blanks	325

Assessor, for three years:

Milton E. Webster, 40 School Street	508
Blanks	77

Tax Collector, for three years:

Wilfred G. Journeay, 28 Grove Street	526
Blanks	59

Treasurer, for one year:

Roy C. Journeay, 10 Prospect Street	521
Wilfred Journeay, 28 Grove Street	1
Blanks	63

School Committee, for three years:

Lloyd D. Crossman, Locust Street	316
Richard P. Hamel, Greenleaf Park, W. Main St.	257
Blanks	12

School Committee, for two years to fill vacancy:

Eida V. Jervey, Harriman Road	316
Michael J. Zelisko, Birch Meadow Road	235
Blanks	34

Trustees of Cemeteries, for three years:

Alva W. Clark, 110 River Road	526
Blanks	59

Library Trustees, for three years:	
Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	389
Grace E. Keiser, 12 Pleasant Street	217
Nancy C. MacGregor, Locust Street	423
Blanks	141
Trustees of Kimball Park, for three years:	
Wallace P. Spencer, 8 Winter Street	3
Elliot Stuart, Sawyer Street	1
Robert L. Eckert, 23 Main Street	1
Joseph Lemire, 9 West Main Street	1
Ralph Diodati, 46 West Main Street	2
John Sheehan, 3 Adams Street	1
Maurice Carey, High Street	1
Gordon Rines, 11 Main Street	1
Frederick Ingraham, 85 West Main Street	1
Lloyd Crossman, Locust Street	1
Alva Clark, River Road	1
George O'Keefe, 32 School Street	1
A. Bruce MacGregor, Locust Street	1
Light Commissioner, for three years:	
John F. McCarron, Highland Road	520
Blanks	65
Water Commissioner, for three years:	
John F. McCarron, Highland Road	512
Blanks	73
Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, for one year:	
Edgar Palmer Sargent, Bear Hill Road	477
Richard E. Sargent, Bear Hill Road	480
Wallace P. Spencer, 8 Winter Street	487
Blanks	311
Tree Warden, for one year:	
Edgar D. Sargent, Bear Hill Road	508
Blanks	77
Playground Commission, for five years:	
Arthur R. Cloyd, 97 East Main Street	526
Blanks	59
Planning Board, for five years:	
Clayton H. Sibley, 18 High Street	368
Harry A. Coe, 19 Summer Street	175
Blanks	42

JURY LIST

The following Jury List for the calendar year beginning July 1, 1967 has been prepared by the Merrimac Board of Selectmen in compliance with Chapter 234, Section 4, of the General Laws and adopted June 30, 1967:

BESSEY, Arthur B. 51 Locust Street	Western Electric North Andover, Mass.
BUZZELL, Gerald E. 7 Abbott Street	Western Electric North Andover, Mass.
CALNAN, Walter D. 48 West Main Street	Postmaster Merrimac, Mass.
CHAFF, Thomas H. 6 High Street	Retired
CLARK, Clifford K. 102 River Road	Painter Merrimac, Mass.
COLE, Virginia N. Locust Street	At home
COLBY, Laura N. 18 Pine Street	At home
CUNNINGHAM, George J. Greystone Road	
DeLONG, Harrison S. Birchmeadow Road	Postal Clerk Merrimac, Mass.
DENAULT, Paul G. 10 Vendome Street	Clerk Haverhill, Mass.
DESMARAIS, Lionel A. Birchmeadow Road	Machinist Haverhill, Mass.
DIODATI, Ralph 46 West Main Street	Western Electric North Andover, Mass.
DOW, Paula J. 10 Bear Hill Road	At home
DRENTH, Francis 74 West Main Street	Western Electric North Andover, Mass.
FRANKLIN, Stella 57 Church Street	At home
FRAZIER, Frances 1 Summer Street	At home
GOSSELIN, Beverly Emery Street	At home
GRANT, Lothrop J. 22 School Street	Bailey Company Amesbury, Mass.
GRIGGS, Charles A. Birchmeadow Road	Shoeworker Haverhill, Mass.
HARDIE, George P. Orchard Street	Navy Yard Boston, Mass.
HARRINGTON, Russell 107 East Main Street	Merrimac Light Dept. Merrimac, Mass.
HART, Clifford R. 9 Summer Street	Western Electric North Andover, Mass.

HILL, Winifred M. 8 Liberty Street	At home
JONES, Robert B. 24 Nichols Street	Custodian Merrimac, Mass.
KIMBALL, Donald S. 90 East Main Street	Retired
LAVALLEY, Forrest M. 30 East Main Street	Insurance Agent Haverhill, Mass.
LAY, Genevieve A. 1 Bancroft Lane	At home
LEIGHTON, Wallace G., Sr. West Main Street	Retired
LUCY, George E. Emery Street	Retired
LUND, Inez N. 34 High Street	At home
O'KEEFE, George F. 32 Summer Street	Western Electric North Andover, Mass.
OLSON, Dorothy E. 57 West Main Street	At home
SARASIN, Leonora G. 65 Church Street	At home
SAUNDERS, Joseph C. 40 West Main Street	Raytheon North Andover, Mass.
SIBLEY, Clayton H. 10 High Street	Surveyor Commonwealth of Mass.
SOUTHER, O. Phillips 28 Middle Road	General Electric Lynn, Mass.
SUTHERLAND, Richard Highland Road	Diamond National Co. Newburyport, Mass.
TOBIN, James J., Jr. 115 River Road	Electrician Amesbury, Mass.

JOHN E. FLYNN
WALLACE S. CARTER
RAYMOND P. DAVID
Merrimac Board of Selectmen

MERRIMAC FIRE ALARM

Emergency Fire Alarm Telephone Number 6-2211

Emergency phone 6-2211 should be used for fire calls only. If for any reason line is out of order, dial operator and ask for EMERGENCY OPERATOR.

In all cases give your name and exact location of fire.

3-3 Chief's Call

- 4 Former Mass. Northeastern Bus Garage, East Main Street.
- 5 Merrimac Square
- 12 Locust Street, corner of Green Street
- 13 Main Street, opposite Forest Street
- 14 Main Street, near residence of Mrs. William H. Franklin
- 15 Birchmeadow Rd. and Main St., to Haverhill-Merrimac line
- 16 Woodland and Grove Streets
- 17 School and Pleasant Streets
- 18 School and Mill Streets
- 21 East Main Street, opposite Skip's Snack Bar
- 23 East Main Street, near residence of William F. Acorn
- 24 Church Street, opposite Maple Street
- 25 Liberty and Mechanics Streets
- 26 Summer and Prospect Streets
- 27 Church Street, near residence of Richard Powers
- 28 Sawyer and Nichols Streets
- 31 Pleasant Street, Merrimacport
- 32 Merrimac Street, near Middle Road
- 34 Merrimac Street, Merrimacport
- 35 High St., Merrimacport, near Merrimac Brass Foundry
- 36 Merrimac and Broad Streets, Merrimacport
- 41 Lower East Main Street, Lake Attitash entrance
- 42 Lake Attitash Park at Fern Avenue
- 43 Emery Street at Burnside
- 51 Locust and Walnut Streets
- 52 Lower Locust Street, to Merrimac-Haverhill line
- 62 Birchmeadow Rd., and Hadley District, Telephone - No Box
- 71 Bear Hill Rd. to Newton, N.H. line, Telephone - No Box
- 72 West Shore, Lake Attitash, Telephone - No Box
- 74 Dance Hall, Lake Attitash, Telephone - No Box - Call 6-2211
- 121 Nativity Church, Green Street
- 132 Elementary School - Union Street
- 271 Elementary School - Church Street
- 2 Recall - All Out - Also All Clear Air Raid

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Station WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11 - 11 - 11 - No school all day.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

Raymond P. David was re-elected to a three year term of Selectman at the annual election in March and the Board organized for 1967 as follows: John E. Flynn, chairman; Wallace S. Carter, clerk; and, Raymond P. David, third member.

During 1967 the Board granted 29 building permits. An estimated \$247,800.00 was for new construction and \$18,300.00 for additions and repairs to existing buildings.

The Board granted two liquor licenses for the retail sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and one license for the retail sale of wines and malt beverages only, not to be drunk on the premises. All alcoholic beverage licenses were granted to Ryan's Restaurant and The Carriage House restaurant.

At the 1967 annual town meeting, the Board of Selectmen; George Buzzell, fire chief; Richard J. Powers and Glen I. Blackden, fire engineers; and, Ralph L. Buzzell were named to a committee to purchase a new fire truck for the town. After many meetings and trips to other towns to view equipment, it was decided to award the bid for a fire truck to the Farrar Company of Woodsville, Massachusetts. At this writing the chassis has been delivered to the Farrar company and the body is now under construction. It is expected the apparatus will be delivered to the town within a few weeks.

As directed by the townspeople, this Board appointed a seven man committee to study the housing needs of the fire, police and highway departments and make their recommendations. This committee has made a very comprehensive report which appears on other pages of this town report.

State legislation passed in 1967 requires all cities and towns within the Commonwealth to issue Disposal Works Installers licenses for new installations and permits for additions or repairs to individual sewage disposal systems. Selectmen issue these licenses and permits and have appointed Frederick Ingraham Disposal Inspector for the town.

In addition to the weekly Selectmen's meetings we have had numerous meetings with department heads and with the Finance Committee for discussions and recommendations pertaining to town business.

We wish to thank the citizens of Merrimac and all town officials for their interest and cooperation extended to us in our work during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. FLYNN
WALLACE S. CARTER
RAYMOND P. DAVID
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Town of Merrimac:

The Playground Commission for the year of 1967, under the chairmanship of Arthur C. Cloyd and clerk of the committee James Hume, was a very successful year.

For security and safety measures a chain-link fence was provided for the Little League baseball field, and all other projects under-taken by the committee were completed in the most economical way.

Our supervised play program opened up on the second Monday in July, and continued for a period of six complete weeks ending August 20, 1967. It was under the supervision of Miss Nancy Hamel, a student attending Keene State College and in her junior year. She was assisted by Warren Upson, Kevin Burns and Lynda Smith, all of Merrimac, Mass. There was a total enrollment of 203 children ranging in age from 5 to 15 years old. The children were instructed in the use of arts and handicraft, which incidently was later put on display during the last two weeks of the program. Miss Hamel presented a Town Meeting Operetta, and also a Horribles' Parade, in which a total of 75 children participated. We wish to thank Miss Nancy Hamel and her assistants for a job well done. The Commission would like also to express their appreciation to the Merrimac Lions Club for all their contributions to the playground program.

Respectfully submitted,

A. CLOYD, Chairman
JAMES HUME, Clerk
GEORGE STEVENS
MERRILL SMITH
M. J. McLAUGHLIN

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Water Department last year continued its program of updating the town's water system.

The pumping station was converted to automatic operation in October. The automatic station insures a steadier water pressure since the standpipe is continually full. The full standpipe also insures better fire protection. Automation of the station eliminates man hours at the station resulting in a saving of about \$6,000 per year.

In another step of the long-range program, two new hydrants were installed and ten replaced; eight new valves were installed and 14 replaced; seven dead-ends were tied into the system; and approximately a mile of new water main was installed and 1/2 mile replaced.

The system improvements are part of a program approved by the Board of Water Commissioners as set up by Haley and Ward, Inc., engineering firm of Waltham.

Since the program began in 1964, water meters have been installed throughout town; land has been purchased at Sargent's Gravel Pit, Bear Hill Road, for a new well field, and water there tested and approved by the state; wells at the present well field have been brought up to standard; and hydrants and valves have been added.

Calgon treatment equipment installed a year ago has proved effective, eliminating rust encrustations in the pipes.

The Department plans to continue its program next year with further installations of valves and hydrants and elimination of dead ends.

The next major step in the program is the installation of a second standpipe with a million gallon capacity, twice the size of the present standpipe. The new standpipe would assure equal water pressure throughout town, including the areas of Bear Hill, Crown Hill and Birchmeadow Road, where pressure at present is very poor. In addition, it would insure a five-day water supply in case of any major repairs to the system.

The final step in the program is to install 14 wells at the new 74-acre site off Bear Hill Road.

ESTIMATES FOR ENSUING YEAR:

Gross Expense of Operating	\$ 34,483.00
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ESTIMATED INCOME:

Water Rates	34,500.00
Water Misc.	1,200.00

EXPENDED FOR CONSTRUCTION:

8" Water Main - Sawyer & Maple Sts.	4,768.89
Automatic operation at Pumping St.	4,334.00
Wells washed, rated and replaced	2,738.80
8" Water main and Station const.	2,267.90
Gate valves - East & West Main Sts.	1,249.60
New meters	<u>658.10</u>
	\$ 16,017.29

EXPENDED FOR OPERATIONS:

Maintenance and repairs	11,265.56
Station wages	6,398.56
Materials	4,211.02
Fuel and power	4,136.22
Superintendents salary	2,469.00
Office salary	1,429.00
Office expense	1,001.61
Tools	625.22
Insurance	470.64
Truck expense (gas, oil, etc.)	447.44
Meter reading	429.62
Commissioners salaries	150.00
Services	106.67
Commissioners expense	60.11
Misc. other expense	<u>186.77</u>
Total Expended for Operations	\$ 33,387.44
Unexpended Balance	4,438.56

MONTHLY PUMPING REPORT FOR 1967

Month	Gallons Pumped	Hours Worked
January	7,060,000	298
February	6,390,000	269
March	7,670,000	323
April	7,170,000	306
May	7,540,000	321
June	7,690,000	315
July	7,460,000	324
August	7,840,000	444
September	6,240,000	308
October	7,660,000	320
November	7,700,000	323
December	<u>7,920,000</u>	<u>327</u>
	88,340,000	3,878

WATER ESTIMATED RECEIPTS:

Town appropriations	\$ <u>37,826.00</u>	\$ 37,826.00
Water revenue collected	32,735.15	
Water misc. collected	1,769.00	
Water meter rentals collected	119.50	
Water in Town Buildings	<u>570.32</u>	\$ 35,193.97

BALANCE SHEET

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Rates	2,710.87	
Misc.	<u>412.32</u>	
Revenue Reserved until collected		\$ 3,123.19

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR E. WALLACE
ROBERT K. SILVIA
JOHN F. McCARRON
Water Commissioners

REPORT OF THE FIRE ENGINEERS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1967.

Number of alarms	61
Assistance received from other communities	3
Assistance rendered other communities	2

We wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Officers and men of the Fire Department, the Chief and officers of the Police Department and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts for their co-operation and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. BUZZELL
RICHARD J. POWERS
GLEN I. BLACKDEN
Board of Fire Engineers

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustees of the Merrimac Public Library present their report for the year 1967, their ninety-first annual report.

Monthly circulation was as follows:

January	1288	July	902
February	1009	August	973
March	1144	September	1211
April	1189	October	1246
May	1090	November	1147
June	1083	December	797

Total number of volumes borrowed was 13,079, of which 2276 were non fiction, 7454 were fiction, and 3349 were juvenile. We borrowed 1422 books from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bookmobile, of which 347 were non fiction, 430 were fiction and 375 juvenile.

We have borrowed additional books from Memorial Hall Library in Andover and the Boston Public Library. The bookmobile from North Reading is a monthly visitor and during the year has left the library 1422 books and has left the elementary school 2343 books. The trustees purchased 477 books, of which 188 were adult fiction, 118 adult non fiction, 57 teenage, 62 juvenile fiction and 52 juvenile non fiction. Gift books numbered 37, for which we are grateful to the donors. Mrs. Pittman has purchased many worthwhile books for the library the library from the proceeds of her book sales.

Total fines collected and turned over to the town treasurer were \$208.91.

Mrs. Dorothy Whiting has left the library for a position in the regional school system, and Mrs. Velma Hargraves has been added to our staff.

During the year we have made progress in placing some of our less used books in the new stacks in the cellar. A new chain link fence has been installed on the boundary lines of the adjoining property. We have purchased a film strip viewer and are in the process of selecting our first film strips, as our library is being used increasingly for study and research. These plans are in line with possible future expansion.

Respectfully submitted,

EIDA V. JERVEY
CHARLOTTE P. GULEZIAN
BARBARA N. ADAMS
ROBERT L. ECKERT
NANCY C. MacGREGOR
BERNARD C. BICKUM

REPORT OF THE LIGHT BOARD

The past year found the Merrimac Electric Light Department continuing its program initiated in 1964 to update the system to serve consumer needs.

During the past three years the department has removed tons of inadequate conductors and open wiring, replacing them with heavier conductors and cable on more modern construction. Secondary runs were shortened, with needed KVA and capacitors added.

Line loss has been reduced from a prohibitive 27% to a respectable 9%.

Electricity rates were reduced again last year, the second reduction since the program began. The department has set up rate schedules for all purposes and has set up a program for yard and flood lighting and electric hot water heaters.

A major improvement to the system is the new 24 KV sub-station, located at Burnside Lane, which will be energized in January of this year.

The new station will insure the town of better capacity and better regulation; and, since there will be an alternate feed line from a different source, lengthy interruptions of power will be eliminated.

There are two separate circuits from the new sub-station providing a double insurance. If one circuit is damaged the town can be switched to the second circuit while the first is being repaired.

Purchase of the land for the sub-station was authorized at the last annual town meeting. Ground was broken in the summer, forms and foundations installed in the fall and steel construction begun in December.

The station has provisions for future growth.

An addition of an aerial bucket truck, purchased by the department last year, has eliminated one man's working hours and at the same time speeded up work.

The department pledges to continue its program of improvement and growth during the coming year.

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their annual report for the fiscal year 1967:

SALES:		
Residential		\$123,181.80
Commercial		27,444.27
Power		20,908.49
Public Street Lights		8,385.82
Town Buildings		3,188.44
Floodlights		1,971.67
Rentals		502.00
Mdse. and Jobbing		5,107.51
Interest Income		3,455.81

Purchased Power	\$ 82,399.61	
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MAINTENANCE:		
Overhead Lines	19,243.54	
Street Lighting System	3,192.72	
Depreciation	17,480.56	
Customers Records	6,443.40	
Administration Salary	5,404.40	
Station Expense	5,755.36	
Installation Allowance	2,024.13	
Installation Expense	352.84	
Meter Reading	1,854.30	
Outside Services	2,101.72	
Office Supplies and Expenses	1,706.07	
Property Insurance	1,791.13	
Meter	2,405.21	
Transportation	1,173.56	
Uncollectable Accounts	300.50	
Standby	780.00	
Commissioners' Salaries	150.00	
Other Expense	634.74	
Employees Benefits	599.95	
	<u>\$155,793.74</u>	

Excess of Income over		
Expenses	<u>38,352.07</u>	
	\$194,145.81	<u>\$194,145.81</u>

RETURNED TO THE TOWN IN 1967:		
Lights in Town Buildings	3,188.44	
Street Lights	8,385.82	
Cash	<u>5,482.74</u>	
	\$ 17,057.00	

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR E. WALLACE

ROBERT K. SILVIA

JOHN F. McCARRON

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We, the Board of Appeals, herein submit our report of activities performed for the year 1967:

The Board of Appeals received and heard eight petitions at public hearings - seven variances were granted and one was refused.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. LUCY, Clerk
Board of Appeals

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK, ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I have made the following calls and inspections and issued the following licenses for the year 1967.

Licenses for the sale of Oleomargarine	4
Store licenses for the sale of milk	15
Vehicle licenses for the sale of milk	10

A total of 29 licenses at 50¢. Total \$14.50 and turned over to Treasurer.

Number of barns inspected	24
Number of cattle inspected	242
Number of swine inspected	0
Number of horses inspected	43
Number of goats inspected	0
Inspection of division of livestock Disease Control	1
Check of cattle from out of state	3
Animals quarantined	0

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE R. HOYT
Inspector of Milk, Animals and Slaughtering

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The following is the report of the Cemetery Trustees:
The cemeteries were kept in their usual fine condition through the untiring efforts of Charles Haynes, Superintendent of Cemeteries. This year we purchased a new International Cub Cadet Tractor with snow blower, forty-eight inch mower and with generator attached to use with electric trimmers in the summer.

We find that we have a serious problem with the new road in the winter as the town plow cannot make the hill to keep the roads open. We are able to keep the lower part of the road open to the tool house and the tomb.

We are also finding it difficult to store our new equipment in our small tool shed as this equipment is larger and takes up more room.

Respectfully submitted

ARTHUR R. CLARK, Chairman
ALVA W. CLARK
MERRILL B. SMITH, SR.
Cemetery Trustees

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Massachusetts

In 1967 the Planning Board held twenty-four regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Seven applications for building permits for new homes were approved, five new residential garages, and numerous applications for residential renovations or additions. Also, the applications for building permits of a bakery depot on Broad Street, a bank building on Main Street and an industrial facility on East Main Street were approved by this Board.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER F. SMILES, Chairman
ARNOLD W. SPOFFORD, Secretary
WILLARD R. DAVIS
JAMES P. GLIDDEN
CLAYTON H. SIBLEY
Planning Board
Town of Merrimac

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

To the Board of Selectmen, Merrimac, Massachusetts:

A total of 96 permits for wiring were issued in 1967.

Of these, 47 were for new 100 AMP 220 volt electrical services; 3 were for 3 phase four wire services; and, 46 were for other electrical wiring not pertaining to services.

A total of \$458.40 was collected for wiring fees and turned over to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. KELLER, JR.
Wiring Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Town Clerk of the Town of Merrimac, I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1967:

BIRTHS:

Number of births recorded	46
Males	22
Females	24
Father, native born	45
Mother, native born	44
Father and Mother, both native born	43
Father and Mother, both foreign born	0
Mixed Parentage	3

MARRIAGES:

Number of marriages recorded	35
First marriage of groom	27
First marriage of bride	27
Groom, native born	35
Bride, native born	32
Groom, foreign born	0
Bride, foreign born	3

Average age of groom - 26 years, 2 months, 3 days.
Average age of bride - 22 years, 2 months, 2 days.

DEATHS:

Number of deaths recorded	40
Males	23
Females	17
Under five years	0
Males, native born	21
Females, native born	16
Of native parentage	14
Of mixed parentage	26

Average age - 70 years, 3 months, 14 days.
Oldest person - 94 years.

LICENSES:

Number of dogs licensed	235
Males	225
Females	10
Kennel Licenses	0
Sporting Licenses issued	227
Minor's Sporting Licenses issued	25

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD PHILLIPS
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I hereby submit the following report of your local Civil Defense Agency's activities for the year ending December 31, 1967.

Your Director and his alternate, Deputy Director Mr. Mitchell attended monthly sector meetings at Lawrence and quarterly area meetings at Tewksbury.

The communications group under the direction of Mr. Saunders participated in weekly and monthly communication drills.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Deputy Director, Mr. Stuart Mitchell and the many citizens of the Town of Merrimac for their assistance in the carrying out of my duties as Civil Defense Director.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED F. PARISEAU
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

The Committee was appointed to serve as a building needs committee with respect to the facilities of the Fire, Highway and Police Departments. It has not been difficult to determine that, indeed, a need does exist for replacement of these facilities. The dilemma faced by this Committee however, has been one of how to evaluate this need while remaining cognizant of the probable impact on the Tax Rate of any new construction which we might recommend. To this end, and in view of the enormity of the obsolescence present in each Department, consideration has been given to basic existing needs rather than an optimum long range projection. The recommendations with which the report will conclude represent, therefore, our judgement of the Town's basic immediate needs with respect to each department.

We report the following existing conditions, listed in the order of their priority.

1. FIRE STATION. The entire Fire Protection System of the Town, including the Fire Alarm System, is housed in a two-story frame building on School Street which is in itself a fire hazard. It offers no fire resistive qualities and houses apparatus containing gasoline on a wood floor immediately above two gas-fired hot air furnaces. There is a Second Floor assembly room which could be a death trap since there exists only one exit and that is an unprotected, open stairway down into the very room constituting the greatest fire hazard. It is obvious that there would be little likelihood of extinguishing a fire in the building containing the apparatus for so doing. Detection devices (which do not exist) would be of little use under these circumstances. It is equally obvious that to continue to risk the loss of 100% of the Town's physical plant, signal system and apparatus, to say nothing of the possible loss of life to occupants of the assembly room, is unthinkable.

2. HIGHWAY GARAGE. The present garage on Lancaster Street consists of an obsolete 3 stall wood frame building which is not deep enough to accomodate contemporary equipment and not large enough to accomodate all the vehicles and equipment which it is considered should be under cover. There is no space for storage of material and small equipment and this is now being stored in an adjacent, badly neglected wood frame building which, in its present condition presents a safety hazard. There is no land at the site outside of the buildings and stockpiling of sand and some equipment is accomplished on the Broad Street site owned by the Town. The Town's investment in equipment and its replacement cost are considerations here, as well as the inability of the Department to function at it's top efficiency within the above restrictions.

3. POLICE STATION. The existing facilities of the Police Department are located in the Town Hall. This Committee finds these facilities adequate for the operations of the Department as it is now constituted. Although it is not a function of this Committee to advise the Town with respect to operation of its various departments, we would be remiss in not referring to the fact that the Police Department as now constituted, does not conform to State Requirements for a town of the size of Merrimac and that any up-dating of the Police functions would necessitate new facilities, and additional personnel to man them. This would necessitate new construction.

This Committee has been involved in much study and discussion of the advisability of purchase and redesign by the Town of the Northeastern Railway Car House. We find that the building is not readily suitable to the needs of the Town and that the resultant cost of acquisition and remodeling would be in excess of replacement costs. Final design of space for the respective departments would be compromised by the necessity to conform to the unique configuration of the existing structure. It was decided that this would be an uneconomical solution and not in the best interest of the Town. Accordingly and in view of the foregoing, this Committee make the following recommendations.

1. That the Town proceed immediately with a program to eliminate the hazard existant to its only means of protection from fire. It is the judgement of this Committee (having no funding for Professional Advice) that, such a project could be limited to a cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and "not to exceed \$100,000."

2. That the Town proceed immediately with a program to replace the existing facilities of the Town Highway Department not to exceed the sum of \$35,000.

3. That an article or articles be inserted in the above warrant to see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a Building Committee and the funds necessary for the retention by it of an Architect to prepare preliminary designs and cost estimates for one or both of the above recommended buildings. We estimate that an appropriation of \$3,500 for this purpose would be necessary.

Since it would be the duty of a building committee to decide on locations, this Committee makes no such recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH L. BUZZELL
RICHARD E. SMITH
ALBERT W. LORD
GEORGE R. BUZZELL
HARRY N. COE
DAVID W. GOODWIN
RICHARD J. POWERS
Building Needs Committee

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is my annual report of activities for the
year ending December 31, 1967.

ACTIVITIES

- 28 Annual Income Questionnaires.
- 51 Pension and Compensation applications, inquiries, and
related correspondence.
- 10 Applications, Grave Markers, Burial Allowances, and
correspondence.
- 3 Pensions, re-instated, suspended, and changed to new
Pension Law.
- 6 Inquiries, Dental Treatment.
- 7 Medicare, information and inquiries.
- 1 Application War Orphan Education.
- 12 Home Loan Applications.
- 10 Statement of Income.
- 17 Survey Data Reports.
- 18 Hospitalizations, inquiries, and information thereto.
- 12 Social Security applications, and related matter.
- 9 Insurance inquiries.
- 19 Information on new G.I. Bill.
- 6 Power of Attorney.
- 7 Real Estate Tax Applications.
- 4 Cases referred to other Departments and Agencies.
- 3 Veterans Preference.
- 3 Information on Scholarships.
- 3 Rehabilitation Program.
- 6 Medical Reports.
- 5 Certificates of Service.
- 2 Decorations, Ribbons, and Medals.
- 43 Grave Markers distributed and installed.
- 3 Applications for Home Town Medical, and Out Patient Treat-
ment.
- 2 Information, Medical Prescriptions.
- 16 Applications and Inquiries Educational Benefits.

As Veterans' Agent I have taken applications for benefits,
allowed justified payments, issued vouchers, issued food orders,
obtained authorizations, and maintained records. I have filed
required reports with the Commissioner of Veterans' Services,
Boston, Massachusetts.

I have also had many phone calls, personal contacts, and

many letters have been drafted and typed for Veterans, Widows of Veterans, and Dependent Children of Veterans.

There are so many varied services to the Veteran, Widows of Veterans, Dependent Children of Veterans and with the ever changing laws, it is necessary to give a lot of thought, study, and application of same so as to be of the most benefit to the person or persons involved. I feel that persons who have been advised and assisted by me have appreciated the fact that everything possible was done to assure them of their full entitlements.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRISON S. DELONG
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF THE RED OAK SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Residents of Merrimac:

Meetings of the Red Oak School Building Committee were held monthly during the year.

Construction work on the school was resumed in April after the winter shut-down and unanticipated labor problems.

The resignation of Arthur P. Doane as clerk of the works was accepted in January and a new clerk of the works was hired in March.

Three new members were appointed to the committee to fill existing vacancies. They were Mrs. Nancy Deminie, Mr. John Jakobek and Mr. Richard Smith.

The progress of the school was slow but the end of 1967 showed the school to be 85% complete.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL S. GULEZIAN, Chairman
JOHN F. ZAPPALA, Vice Chairman
ZILLAH M. BUZZELL, Secretary
NANCY W. DEMINIE
JOHN J. JAKOBEC
RALPH R. DIODATI
RICHARD E. SMITH

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors respectfully submit the following report for the year 1967. The Board was organized this year as follows:

George P. Hardie, Chairman (Resigned 12/26/67)
Alvin F. Heath, Clerk (Deceased 1/21/67)
James Duncan How, Acting Clerk
Milton E. Webster, Member (Elected March 1967)

The following is a recapitulation of appropriations and estimated income of the Town which was used in computing the 1967 tax rate of \$54.00.

1967 RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriation	\$ 1,011,461.19	
Other Amounts to be Raised	16,522.19	
County Tax and Assessments	16,695.61	
State Recreation Areas	3,389.96	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,815.71	
Mosquito Control Projects	2,423.05	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	327.75	
State Assessment System	149.32	
Overlay for 1967	36,282.87	
GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$1,089,067.65

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1967 Estimated Receipts-Local		
Aid & Agency Funds	274,012.52	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	69,835.00	
Licenses	7,887.00	
Fines	327.00	
General Government	1,988.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	113.00	
Health and Sanitation	605.00	
Charities, Old Age Assistance	775.00	
Libraries	223.00	
Public Service Enterprises	34,708.00	
Cemeteries	1,064.00	
Interest	2,123.00	
Farm Animal, Machinery & Equipment Excise	319.00	
Misc. Receipts	3,058.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$ 397,037.52	
AVAILABLE FUNDS	65,141.16	462,178.68
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY		\$ 626,888.97

Tax Rate \$54.00 per M		
School Tax Rate	\$36.36	
General Tax Rate	17.64	
Personal Property Valuation	\$ 443,405.00	
Real Estate Valuation	11,165,650.00	
Total Valuation	11,609,055.00	
Total Taxes Levied on Property		\$626,888.97
Value of Automobiles	1,370,090.00	

Number of automobiles	2,192
Number of horses	10
Number of cows	36
Number of other animals	11
Number of fowl	156
Number of houses	1,090
Number of acres of land	4,109

An Act, providing a tax exemption for certain qualifying elderly persons, passed by the Legislature in 1964 was amended in 1966, allowing an exemption of \$350.00 in taxes or \$4,000.00 in valuation, whichever is the greater.

Under this Act, 85 were exempt for a total of \$27,634.00 on valuation of \$511,725.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. DUNCAN HOW
MILTON E. WEBSTER

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The balances, receipts and disbursements for the year 1967 were as follows:

Balance, January 1, 1967	\$ 147,934.25	
Receipts to January 1, 1967	<u>3,412,580.80</u>	\$3,560,515.05
Payments on Warrants	\$3,208,448.34	
Balance, January 1, 1968	<u>352,066.71</u>	\$3,560,515.05

Respectfully submitted,

ROY C. JOURNEAY
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts:

I hereby submit my annual report of the activities of the Police Department for the year 1967.

This year has brought into our community the Drug Addict and Drug Pusher. I am happy to state here that this department was instrumental in rounding up several pushers of marijuana in our neighboring towns. Several children in this town have been sent to hospitals as a result of having taken drugs or smoking marijuana. We have found that there have been glue sniffing parties in several locations of the town. If your children come home and act like they have been drinking but you find no alcohol odor on their breath then there is a good chance that they have been to a "Sniffing Party." Glue contains Toluene and is irritating to the mucous membrane which causes inflamed nostrils, lips and eyes. It also could cause vomiting, nausea, tinnitus and dizziness. It has been known to damage the liver. Deaths have also occurred from Glue Sniffing.

It has been noticed that children are hanging around the Telephone Booths in Merrimac Square causing a nuisance by ganging up, blocking sidewalks, throwing bottles and trash on sidewalks. This practice will have to stop. Parents are requested to instruct their children that the "No Loitering" law will be enforced and court action will be taken. In the past children have been given a talking to and let go, but this talking apparently does not do any good. In the future any person, juvenile or adult, who breaks the law can expect court action.

In July, Sgt. Wallace P. Spencer requested a leave of absence. On September 26, he resigned as Sergeant to take employment elsewhere.

On December 12, 1967, Bernard H. Connor was appointed Sergeant and assumed his duties on December 13, 1967.

Miscellaneous Business

Complaints investigated	1,876
Motor Vehicle accidents investigated	92
Injured in motor vehicle accidents	23
Messages delivered	134
Articles and animals reported lost	83
Missing persons reported	18
Assistance to other departments	95
Ambulance assistance rendered	33
Assistance to ill or injured	94
Funeral escorts furnished	26

Doors and windows found unsecured (secured)	49
Poles and wires reported down	8
Lights left burning (stores and public buildings)	4
Reports of fires investigated, alarms answered	58
Summonses served for out-of-town Departments	89
Warrants for out-of-town Departments	3
Days at District Court (Chief)	71
Days at District Court (Officers)	61
Days at Superior Court (Chief)	8
Days at Superior Court (Officers)	13

Number of Arrests for the Year 1967

Female - Residents	3
Male - Residents	22
Female - Non Residents	1
Male - Non Residents	61
For other Departments	<u>3</u>
Total	90

Motor Vehicle Violations, Warnings	18
Motor Vehicle Violations, Complaints	34

Jurors Drawn	12
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Disposition of Crimes

DRUNK: Number, 15; Fines, 13; Discharged, 2; Appealed, 4; Probation, 1; Total Fines, \$170.00; H. O. C. , 30 days.

DISTURBANCE OF THE PEACE: Number, 7; Fines, 3; Discharged, 2; Probation, 2; Total Fines, \$50.00; H. O. C. , 20 days.

ASSAULT & BATTERY: Number, 3; Fines, 2; Probation, 1; H. O. C. , 3 months.

ASSAULT WITH DANGEROUS WEAPON: Number, 1; Discharged, 1.

NON SUPPORT: Number, 2; \$20 per week; \$15 per week.

SPEEDING: Number, 6; Fines, 6; Appealed, 1; Total Fines, \$125.00.

LEFT OF WAY: Number, 5; Fines, 5; Total Fines, \$50.00.

OPER. TO END: Number, 1; Discharged, 1

OPER. UNDER INFLU. OF INT. LIQ.: Number, 11; Fines, 7; Dismissed, 1; Discharged, 3; Appealed, 4; Total Fines, \$385.00; H. O. C. , 30 days.

REFUSING TO STOP FOR P. O.: Number, 3; Fines, 3; Appealed, 1; Total Fines, \$75.00.

LEAV. SCENE AFTER PROP. DAM.: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total Fines, \$50.00.

MINOR TRANS. OF AL. BEV.: Number, 2; Fines, 2; Total Fines, \$50.00

OPER. UNINSURED M/V: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total Fines, \$100.00.
OPER. UNREG. M/V: Number, 3; Fines, 3; Total Fines, \$75.00.
NO LIC. IN. POSSESSION: Number, 4; Fines, 1; Discharged, 2; Filed, 1; Appealed, 1; Total Fines, \$10.00.
OPER. SO AS TO ENDANGER: Number, 6; Fines, 4; Dismissed, 1; Discharged, 1; Appealed, 1; Probation, 1; Total Fines, \$320.00; H.O.C., 1 year.
RESISTING ARREST: Number, 1; Probation, 1; H.O.C., 3 months.
MAL. DAM. TO PROP.: Number, 2; Dismissed, 2; Grand Jury, 2.
TRANS. OF LIQUOR: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total Fines, \$50.00.
FURN. ALCOHOLIC BEV. TO MINORS: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total Fines, \$50.00.
DELINQUENT CHILD: Number, 1; Appealed, 1; H.O.C., Y.S.B.
UNAUTH. USE OF M/V: Number, 1; H.O.C., 1 year.
ARSON: Number, 1; Probation, 1; H.O.C., 2 1/2 years.
ALL. OPER. OF UNREG. M/V: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total Fines, \$25.00.
ALL. OPER. OF UNINS. M/V: Number, 1; Fines, 1; Total Fines, \$100.00.

I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, His Honor Judge Salvatore Faraci, Associate Justice F. Leslie Viccaro, the Clerk of Courts, the Probation Officer, the Amesbury Police and Fire Departments, the Officers and men of the Merrimac Fire Dept., the Superintendant of Highway, Light and Water Departments, the Director of Civil Defense and the citizens of Merrimac for their cooperation during the year 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE CAREY
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac:

A total of 130 permits were issued for the installation of gas appliances and gas fittings for the year 1967. The area gas fitters are cooperative and their work is satisfactory. There have been two violations but these violations were corrected and adjusted satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. GLEASON
Gas Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

During the year we have had Flu clinics (January and October); polio (June); measles (2 in May); D.P.I. (October); Tine (October and November).

In June we had an excellent Rabies clinic. Dr. Lyons and his staff, along with volunteers from the Merrimac police helped to vaccinate our dogs and cats. Proceeds went to scholarship funds for the study of veterinary medicine.

Merrimac can also be proud of their participation towards the elimination of measles. Our state has been the subject of medical papers presented in the mid-west, of which our clinics are a part.

I have attended Massachusetts Department of Public Health meetings, locally and regionally; conferred with County and State tuberculosis personnel and done TB follow-ups. Also, I attended conferences on TB management.

In February I attended a Federal course given on Rehabilitation of the Stroke Patient. Much can be done in this area to help the patient gain a more active and useful life. The premature baby visits are done as needed.

	Patients	Visits	Mileage
January	12	49	85
February	8	27	516
March	8	34	49
April	9	56	114
May	12	45	223
June	9	29	184
July	9	28	38
August	7	26	49
September	8	42	48
October	11	42	249
November	11	28	218
December	10	25	51

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH PITTMAN, R.N.

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I hereby report that I have caught, confined and disposed of dogs as set forth below:

MALE		FEMALE	
March 27, 1967	\$ 17.00	Feb. 2, 1967	\$ 17.00
May 2	17.00	April 12	17.00
June 19	17.00	April 29	17.00
July 7	17.00	May 8	17.00
July 13	17.00	June 14	17.00
Aug. 28	17.00	June 22	17.00
Aug. 30	17.00	Aug. 19	17.00
Sept. 3	17.00	Oct. 1	17.00
Sept. 15	17.00		
	<u>\$153.00</u>		<u>\$136.00</u>

I have also returned many dogs to their owners.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT A. SMITH
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT

To: The Citizens of the Town of Merrimac

The Board of Public Welfare organized with the following elected officers:

Chairman	Cecile C. Sargent
Clerk	Jean S. Stuart
Member	Ubell D. Morgan

meeting the first Tuesday of every month with the local administrator to review the administration of all categories of Public Assistance.

As of December 31, 1967 we had a total caseload of 195 cases, involving 115 adults and 374 children. This drastic increase was due in part to the passing of the Medicaid Bill by the Legislature providing medical care for children under 21 in families with low income.

To simplify the format Medical Assistance for the Aged was abolished as a category and was included in Medicaid, thus cover-

ing the medical needs of the elderly in the low income bracket. All eligibility factors for all programs are in accordance with Federal and State requirements. A complete record of Expenditures and Reimbursements will be found on the following pages of this report.

This will be the last annual report to the Town of Merrimac made by the local Welfare Administrator and Board.

As of July 1, 1968 the reorganization by the State, of the Welfare system becomes effective. This will subsequently abolish local offices. The department shall then be under the direction, supervision and control of a Commissioner of Public Welfare, appointed by the Governor. This Commissioner shall establish regional offices at such locations in the Commonwealth as he may deem necessary to supervise the system of community service centers which shall be the principal unit through which the department shall administer public welfare programs.

We wish at this time to express the pleasure and satisfaction we have had in working for and with the people in the Town of Merrimac. It has been a very rewarding experience.

We also, take this opportunity to thank all Town Officials, and other personnel for their cooperation and support over the past thirteen years, and wish the Town of Merrimac continued success in a world that is becoming more challenging, more complicated, and more difficult for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY B. EMMERT
Director of Public Assistance

CECILE C. SARGENT
JEAN S. STUART
UBELL D. MORGAN
Board of Public Welfare

BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURES

OF ALL CATEGORIES FOR THE YEAR 1967

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE		
EXPENDITURES		
Direct Payment	40,505.25	
Administration	<u>4,544.57</u>	45,049.82
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & MEDICAID		
EXPENDITURES		
Direct Vendor Payments	66,795.14	
Administration	<u>4,117.64</u>	70,912.78

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN

EXPENDITURES

Direct Payments	20,974.55	
Administration	<u>3,492.87</u>	24,467.42

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

EXPENDITURES

Direct Payments	3,804.05	
Administration	<u>2,122.66</u>	5,926.71

GENERAL RELIEF

EXPENDITURES

Direct and Medical Payments	1,645.52	
Administration	<u>490.44</u>	<u>2,135.96</u>

TOTAL 148,492.69

COMPARING EXPENDITURES

1966

1967

Old Age Assistance	49,247.64	40,505.25
Medicaid	50,292.39	66,795.14
Aid to Families of Dep. Children	19,567.67	20,974.55
Disability Assistance	9,812.75	3,804.05
General Relief	<u>2,895.07</u>	<u>1,645.52</u>
	131,815.52	133,724.51

ADMINISTRATION

Old Age Assistance	6,754.55	4,544.57
Medicaid	2,590.02	4,117.64
Aid to Families of Dep. Children	2,814.41	3,492.87
Disability Assistance	901.22	2,122.66
General Relief	<u>488.11</u>	<u>490.44</u>
	13,548.31	14,768.18
	<u>131,815.52</u>	<u>133,724.51</u>
	145,363.83	148,492.69

Increase of \$3,128.86

REIMBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1967

U. S. GRANT STATE

OLD AGE ASSISTANT

State	9,538.12	
State Admx.	1,274.86	
Old Age Meal Tax	<u>4,557.61</u>	15,370.59
Federal U.S. Grant	26,000.00	
Federal U.S. Admx.	<u>3,215.13</u>	29,215.13

MEDICAID

State	19,892.19		
State Admx.	<u>631.97</u>		20,524.16

Federal U.S. Grant	30,120.85		
Federal U.S. Admx.	<u>1,072.03</u>	31,192.88	

AID TO FAMILIES OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN

State	5,029.08		
State Admx.	<u>1,058.85</u>		6,087.93

Federal U.S. Grant	10,194.00		
Federal U.S. Admx.	<u>3,977.38</u>	14,171.38	

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

State	64.84		
State Admx.	<u>211.35</u>		276.19

Federal U.S. Grant	2,650.00		
Federal U.S. Admx.	<u>407.19</u>	3,057.19	

GENERAL RELIEF

State	<u>276.21</u>	<u> </u>	<u>276.21</u>
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TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS	120,171.66	77,636.58	42,535.08
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BALANCES ON TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Old Age Assistance	399.70		
Medicaid	885.59		
Aid to Dependent Children	973.40		
Disability Assistance	419.90		
General Relief	<u>354.48</u>		
			3,033.07

BALANCES ON ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATIONS

Old Age Assistance	4.40		
Medicaid	436.11		
Aid to Dependent Children	873.87		
Disability Assistance	364.02		
General Relief	<u>9.56</u>		<u>1,687.96</u>
		TOTAL TO E & D	47,256.11

Total Expenditures	148,492.69
Total Reimbursements	<u>120,171.66</u>
Local Share	<u>28,321.03</u>

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY B. EMMERT
Director

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

I submit herewith my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1967.

I wish to thank the various officials and citizens for their co-operation during the past year.

1967 REAL ESTATE			
Commitment	\$602,945.19	Outstanding	\$ 82,311.31
Refunds	3,941.04	Cash	485,323.09
		Tax Titles	3,013.85
		Abatements	<u>36,237.89</u>
	<u>606,886.14</u>		606,886.14

1967 PERSONAL PROPERTY			
Commitment	23,943.87	Outstanding	2,448.36
Refunds	189.00	Cash	21,299.22
		Abatements	<u>385.29</u>
	<u>24,132.87</u>		24,132.87

1967 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
Commitment	226.10	Outstanding	113.25
		Cash	<u>112.85</u>
	<u>226.10</u>		226.10

1967 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE			
Commitments (1-9)	82,941.03	Outstanding	7,256.33
Refunds	3,958.14	Cash	70,621.82
		Abatements	<u>9,021.02</u>
	<u>86,899.17</u>		86,899.17

1966 REAL ESTATE			
Outstanding 1/1/67	48,032.85	Outstanding 12/31/67	3,614.32
Refunds	900.32	Cash	41,534.41
		Abatements	865.41
		Tax Titles	<u>2,919.03</u>
	<u>48,933.17</u>		48,933.17

1966 PERSONAL PROPERTY			
Outstanding 1/1/67	1,325.80	Outstanding 12/31/67	1,057.87
		Cash	<u>267.93</u>
	<u>1,325.80</u>		1,325.80

1966 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE			
Outstanding 1/1/67	102.00	Outstanding 12/31/67	41.50
		Cash	<u>60.50</u>
	<u>102.00</u>		102.00

1966 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Commitments	82,560.21	Outstanding 12/31/67	2,369.42
Refunds	3,856.49	Cash	75,125.50
		Abatements	8,921.78
	<u>86,416.70</u>		<u>86,416.70</u>

1965 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Outstanding 1/1/67	400.92	Outstanding 12/31/67	342.42
	<u>400.92</u>	Cash	58.50
			<u>400.92</u>

1965 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

Outstanding 1/1/67	1,728.12	Outstanding 12/31/67	155.38
		Cash	893.58
		Abatements	679.16
	<u>1,728.12</u>		<u>1,728.12</u>

Respectfully submitted,

WILFRED G. JOURNEY
Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I hereby submit the following report of the Accountant's department, first expressing my appreciation for the cooperation and courteous assistance rendered by you and all other Town Officials in complying with the requirements of our system. I also wish to thank the Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts for the advice and courtesy they have extended to me during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE C. MACKENZIE
Town Accountant

R E C E I P T S

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:

Current Year:

Personal, Real Estate	\$506,622.31
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Previous Years:

Personal	326.43
Real Estate	44,727.29
Tax Title Redemptions	4,435.65
Business & Corporations Tax	2,095.30
State Tax Basis	65,381.08
TOTAL FROM TAXES	<u>623,588.06</u>

LICENSES & PERMITS:

Trailer Park Fees	7,470.00
Liquor	3,150.00
Gas, Wiring, Plumbing	1,254.70
Other	628.00

FINES & FORFEITS:

Court Fines	441.00
Dog Fees - Town Clerk	447.75
TOTAL LICENSES & FINES	<u>13,391.45</u>

PRIVILEGES:

Excise 1967	70,621.82
Excise 1966	14,709.38
Excise 1965	906.78
Excise 1964	175.63

Excise 1963	2.00	
Excise 1960	8.93	
Excise 1959	<u>22.45</u>	
TOTAL PRIVILEGES		86,446.99
INTEREST:		
Interest 1967	500.92	
Interest 1966	1,723.53	
Interest 1965	268.62	
Interest 1964	12.47	
Adv. Costs, Recordings & Releases	<u>446.14</u>	
TOTAL INT., ADV., REC., & REL.		2,951.68
FARM ANIMAL EXCISES:		
1967	112.85	
1965	<u>102.00</u>	
TOTAL FARM ANIMAL EXCISES		<u>214.85</u>
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE		\$726,593.03

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:		
Rent of Offices	<u>1,988.00</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,988.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY:		
Revolver permits	94.00	
Bicycle Plates	<u>15.00</u>	
TOTAL PROTECTION		109.00
HEALTH:		
Nurse Fees	<u>384.83</u>	
TOTAL HEALTH		384.83
HIGHWAYS:		
Chapter 81, Maintenance - State	9,075.00	
Chapter 90, Maintenance - State	500.00	
Chapter 90, Construction	<u>15,777.01</u>	
TOTAL HIGHWAYS		25,352.01
VETERANS BENEFITS:		
State	<u>1,429.59</u>	
TOTAL VETERANS BENEFITS		1,429.59
CHARITIES:		
Aid to Families with Dependent Children:		
U. S. Grant	14,108.80	
U. S. Grant Admx.	3,977.38	
State	4,666.68	

State - Admx.	1,058.85	
Refunds from Individuals	<u>1,255.00</u>	
TOTAL AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN		25,066.71
Disability Assistance:		
U.S. Grant	2,350.00	
U.S. Grant - Admx.	407.19	
State	146.75	
State - Admx.	<u>123.57</u>	
TOTAL DISABILITY ASSISTANCE		3,027.51
Medical Assistance:		
U.S. Grant	30,540.04	
U.S. Grant - Admx.	1,072.03	
State	17,861.65	
State - Admx.	<u>842.12</u>	
TOTAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE		50,315.84
Old Age Assistance:		
U.S. Grant	26,134.85	
U.S. Grant Admx.	3,215.13	
State	8,690.10	
State - Admx.	1,274.86	
Refunds from Individuals	149.85	
Meal Tax	<u>4,557.61</u>	
TOTAL OLD AGE		44,022.40
General Relief:		
State	<u>276.21</u>	
TOTAL GENERAL RELIEF		<u>276.21</u>
TOTAL CHARITIES		124,138.26
SCHOOLS:		
Lunch Program - State	6,776.63	
Lunch Program - Town	14,436.55	
State Reimbursement-Construction	33,157.16	
School Aid - Chapter 70	115,750.30	
School Aid - Chapter 679	2,757.40	
P.L. 874	2,475.00	
P.L. 344	4,349.00	
P.L. 345	5,220.00	
State Tuition & Transportation	9,567.55	
Vocational	<u>769.42</u>	
TOTAL SCHOOLS		195,259.01
LIBRARY:		
Fines	198.71	
Dog Refund	323.60	
State Aid	815.25	
Trust Funds	562.51	

Withdrawals
TOTAL LIBRARY

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Light:		
Sale of Light	164,172.00	
Sale of Power	20,908.49	
Misc. Sales	5,609.51	
Sales Tax	54.37	
Consumer Deposits	<u>1,400.00</u>	
TOTAL LIGHT		192,144.37

Water:		
Water Rates	32,735.15	
Misc. Sales	1,769.00	
Sales Tax	6.88	
Water Meters	<u>123.50</u>	
TOTAL WATER		34,634.53

CEMETERIES:

Sale of Lots	1,300.00	
Annual Care of Lots	319.00	
Perpetual Care of Lots	3,130.00	
Sale of Old Equipment	155.00	
Openings	1,972.00	
Recording Deeds	37.50	
Trust Funds	<u>3,102.92</u>	
TOTAL CEMETERIES		<u>10,016.42</u>

TOTAL COMMERCIAL REVENUE		\$586,500.64
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MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Sale of Land	250.00
Sale of Animal	3.00
Omni Realty Purchase	800.00
Ambulance Service	110.00
Land Taking	3,613.79
Indian Head Park Fees	474.00
Sale of Wood	226.50
Federal Withholding Tax	44,855.66
State Withholding Tax	5,551.64
State Withholding Tax Retention	52.93
State Sales Tax	1.50
Interest Consumer Deposits	85.98
Interest General Cash	2,017.68
Various Refunds	1,518.16
Light Depreciation Withdrawal	40,000.00

Treasury Bills	29,605.80	
Revenue Loans	200,000.00	
Certificates of Deposit	1,755,000.00	
Interest Treasury Bills	394.20	
Interest Certificates of Deposit	<u>14,926.69</u>	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		<u>2,099,487.13</u>
TOTAL GENERAL, COMMERCIAL AND		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		3,412,580.80
CASH BALANCE		<u>147,934.25</u>
		\$3,560,515.05

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR:

Salary	<u>\$12.00</u>	12.00
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FINANCE BOARD:

Clerk	50.00	
Printing and Postage	240.00	
Other Expense	<u>56.08</u>	346.08

SELECTMEN:

Salaries	900.00	
Salary, Clerk	1,350.00	
Printing and Postage	120.15	
Other Expense	<u>567.96</u>	2,938.11

ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	5,200.00	
Clerical Assistance	300.00	
Other Expense	<u>85.94</u>	5,585.94

TREASURER:

Salary	1,200.00	
Clerical Assistance	200.00	
Printing and Postage	211.10	
Tax Title Foreclosure	529.99	
Other Expense	<u>158.91</u>	2,300.00

TAX COLLECTOR:

Salary	2,500.00	
Clerical Assistance	187.25	
Printing and Postage	272.52	
Other Expense	<u>906.21</u>	3,865.98

ASSESSORS:

Salary, Chairman	500.00	
Salary, Clerk	366.67	
Salary, Member	366.67	
Clerical Assistance	987.00	
Survey	298.00	
Printing and Postage	93.45	
Other Expense	<u>887.37</u>	3,499.16

LEGAL SUITS & EXPENSES:		
Salary	750.00	
Expense	<u>350.00</u>	1,100.00
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary	600.00	
Clerk	400.00	
Printing and Postage	419.55	
Other Expense	<u>14.25</u>	1,433.80
ELECTION OFFICERS:		
Wages	160.00	
Expense	<u>51.50</u>	211.50
REGISTRARS:		
Salaries	241.68	
Clerical Assistance	100.00	
Other Expense	81.55	
Census Taker	<u>400.00</u>	823.23
PLANNING BOARD:		
Expense	<u>43.35</u>	43.35
BONDING TOWN OFFICERS:		
	<u>534.00</u>	534.00
TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE:		
Janitor Salary	834.00	
Openings	78.00	
Fuel	1,121.88	
Janitor Supplies	15.74	
Repairs	72.61	
Other Expense	<u>599.11</u>	2,721.34
TOWN HALL REPAIRS:		
Repairs	335.27	
Supplies	<u>55.06</u>	390.33
WATER IN TOWN BUILDINGS:		
	<u>625.14</u>	625.14
LIGHTING IN TOWN BUILDINGS:		
	<u>3,188.44</u>	<u>3,188.44</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$29,618.40

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

POLICE:

Salaries, Chief	6,691.24	
Sergeant	3,159.20	
Patrol	9,795.25	
Specials	5,190.04	
Clerk	1,303.00	
Lock-up Service	500.00	
Posting Warrants	3.00	
New Radio	659.57	
Telephone	547.93	
Cruiser Expense	1,300.20	
Office Supplies	322.54	
Other Expense	<u>804.72</u>	
		30,276.69

NEW POLICE CRUISER:

<u>2,382.31</u>	2,382.31
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FIRE ENGINEERS SALARIES:

Chief	300.00	
Clerk	200.00	
Member	<u>150.00</u>	
		650.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Wages	4,636.89	
Equipment and Maintenance	1,361.29	
Building Maintenance	434.37	
Truck Maintenance	487.32	
Fuel	779.07	
Hose	1,220.00	
Gas and Oil	183.81	
Other Expense	<u>41.48</u>	
		9,144.23

FOREST FIRE WARDEN:

<u>199.98</u>	199.98
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DOG OFFICER:

Salary	200.00	
Expense	<u>289.00</u>	
		489.00

INSPECTOR OF GAS:

Salary	275.00	
Expense	<u>75.00</u>	
		350.00

INSPECTOR OF WIRING:		
Salary	250.00	
Expense	<u>50.00</u>	300.00
INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING:		
	<u>300.00</u>	300.00
INSPECTOR OF SEWAGE:		
	<u>125.00</u>	125.00
INSPECTOR OF OIL BURNERS:		
Salary	150.00	
Expense	<u>50.00</u>	200.00
CIVIL DEFENSE:		
Salary, Director	300.00	
Gas and Oil	145.05	
Fuel	296.87	
Telephone	153.20	
Repairs	292.67	
Other Expense	<u>154.35</u>	1,342.14
TREE WARDEN:		
Salary, Superintendent	491.40	
Wages	408.60	
Truck Hire	322.25	
Equipment	214.00	
Other Expense	<u>143.34</u>	1,579.59
MOTH:		
Wages	140.00	
Expense	<u>355.25</u>	495.25
TOWN FOREST:		
	<u>24.00</u>	24.00
DUTCH ELM:		
Salary, Superintendent	247.50	
Wages	410.60	
Truck Hire	120.00	
Other Expense	<u>75.00</u>	853.10

NEW TREES:

500.00	
<u>500.00</u>	500.00

BOARD OF APPEALS:

Clerk	40.00	
Expense	<u>4.00</u>	44.00

RELOCATION OF TREE DUMP:

Wages	136.90	
Excavating and grading	<u>638.50</u>	775.40

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	\$50,030.69
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HEALTH & SANITATION

MAINTENANCE OF DUMP:

Salary	3,640.00	
Repairs	715.27	
Fuel	13.96	
Telephone	80.80	
Other Expense	<u>27.35</u>	4,477.38

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Animal Burials	45.00	
Other Expense	<u>408.95</u>	453.95

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS:

Salary	100.00	
Expense	<u>10.00</u>	110.00

INSPECTOR OF MILK:

Salary	25.00	
Expense	<u>10.00</u>	35.00

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING:

Salary	20.00	
Expense	<u>5.00</u>	25.00

HEALTH NURSE:

Salary	1,875.00	
Expense	<u>132.38</u>	2,007.38

AMBULANCE SERVICE:

234.80

234.80

VITAL STATISTICS:

133.00

133.00

TOTAL HEALTH & SANITATION

7,476.51

HIGHWAYS

ROAD MACHINERY MAINTENANCE:

Gas and Oil	1,344.85
Repairs and Supplies	2,559.52
Other Expense	<u>75.62</u>

3,979.99

SNOW & WASHOUTS:

Salary, Superintendent	2,442.00
Labor	6,275.31
Fuel	295.78
Salt and Sand	6,558.28
Truck Hire	3,898.24
Other Expense	488.26
Equipment	<u>272.00</u>

20,229.87

CHAPTER 81:

Salary, Superintendent	2,252.40
Labor	6,532.02
Sand and Gravel	1,126.86
Cold Patch	3,143.67
Grader, Tractor	913.50
Supplies	280.05
Other Expense	<u>276.50</u>

14,525.00

THICKLY SETTLED:

Labor	309.20
Cold Patch	1,643.35
Telephone	144.55
Supplies and Repairs	1,144.26
Mowing and Backhoe	209.75
Other Expense	<u>505.46</u>

3,956.57

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION:

Salary, Superintendent	663.60
Labor	2,393.58

Trucks, Loader, Backhoe	533.00	
Grading	624.00	
Supplies	335.33	
Sand and Asphalt	3,726.42	
Other Expense	<u>218.99</u>	8,494.92
CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE:		
Asphalt	1,316.19	
Sand	<u>181.50</u>	1,497.69
SIDEWALKS, RAILS & BRIDGES:		
Salary, Superintendent	208.80	
Labor	433.55	
Cold Patch	749.80	
Backhoe	85.00	
Other Expense	<u>31.92</u>	1,509.07
CHAPTER 679:		
Salary, Superintendent	204.00	
Labor	457.60	
Gravel	316.00	
Grader	<u>408.00</u>	1,385.60
CHAPTER 822:		
	<u>11.97</u>	11.97
STREET LIGHTING:		
	<u>8,385.82</u>	<u>8,385.82</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS		\$63,976.50

CHARITIES

GENERAL RELIEF:		
T.A. Admx. Salary	443.84	
T.A. Admx. Other	46.60	
Groceries and Provisions	321.72	
Fuel	18.95	
Board and Care	357.40	
Medical Aid	<u>964.75</u>	2,153.26

AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

T.A. Admx. Salaries	1,101.58	
T.A. Admx. Other	24.55	
T.A. Med. and Reg. Payments	8,281.60	
U.S. Admx. Salaries	2,270.76	
U.S. Admx. Other	95.98	
U.S. Med. and Reg. Payments	<u>12,692.95</u>	24,467.42

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:

T.A. Admx. Salaries	1,111.58	
T.A. Admx. Other	24.40	
T.A. Med. and Reg. Payments	1,580.10	
U.S. Admx. Salaries	947.74	
U.S. Admx. Other	38.94	
U.S. Med. and Reg. Payments	<u>2,223.95</u>	5,926.71

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

T.A. Admx. Salaries	1,323.66	
T.A. Admx. Other	240.23	
T. A. Med. and Reg. Payments	35,127.75	
U.S. Admx. Salaries	2,456.32	
U.S. Admx. Other	97.43	
U.S. Med. and Reg. Payments	<u>31,667.39</u>	70,912.78

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

T.A. Admx. Salaries	1,845.30	
T.A. Admx. Other	150.30	
T.A. Med and Reg. Payments	11,728.15	
U.S. Admx. Salaries	2,330.82	
U.S. Admx. Other	218.15	
U.S. Med. and Reg. Payments	<u>28,777.10</u>	45,049.82

TOTAL FOR CHARITIES

\$148,509.99

VETERANS BENEFITS

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER:

Salary	900.00	
Expense	<u>200.00</u>	1,100.00

CARE VETERANS GRAVES:

<u>139.70</u>	139.70
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VETERANS BENEFITS:		
Salary	300.00	
Ordinary Allowance	895.99	
Groceries and Provisions	463.00	
Medical Aid	522.32	
Other Expense	<u>15.00</u>	
		<u>2,196.31</u>
TOTAL FOR VETERANS		\$3,436.01

SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY:		
Salaries and Wages	180,875.58	
Office and Committee Expense	1,366.84	
Census	200.00	
Special Classes & Transportation	14,269.84	
Fuel	2,386.11	
Text Books & Supplies	12,343.00	
Maintenance	<u>11,240.28</u>	
		222,681.65

SCHOOL LUNCH:		
Wages	8,123.39	
Food and Supplies	12,599.10	
Other Expense	<u>1,456.17</u>	
		22,178.66

VOCATIONAL:		
Transportation & Tuition	<u>4,658.04</u>	
		4,658.04

PENTUCKET REGIONAL ASSESSMENT:		
	<u>312,153.26</u>	
		312,153.26

P. L. 89-10:		
	<u>313.32</u>	
		313.32

P. L. 344:		
	<u>4,163.82</u>	
		4,163.82

P. L. 345:		
	<u>4,888.27</u>	
		4,888.27

P. L. 864:		
	<u>973.42</u>	
		973.42

RED OAK SCHOOL:		
Clerk of the Works, Salary	8,300.00	
Construction	424,412.88	
Other Expense	<u>329.39</u>	
		433,042.27
RED OAK SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE:		
	<u>240.95</u>	
		<u>240.95</u>
TOTAL ALL SCHOOLS		\$1,005,293.66

LIBRARY

LIBRARY:		
Librarian Salary	1,355.00	
Assistants Salaries	2,100.90	
Janitor Salary	480.00	
Fuel	482.83	
Books and Periodicals	1,612.62	
Other Expense	<u>647.50</u>	
		6,678.85
INCOME TRUST FUNDS:		
Expense	<u>440.35</u>	
		<u>440.35</u>
TOTAL FOR LIBRARY		7,119.20

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

PLAYGROUND:		
Wages	935.31	
Expense	<u>129.73</u>	
		1,065.04
SUPERVISED PLAY:		
Salaries	<u>1,000.00</u>	
		1,000.00
INSURANCE:		
Workmen's Compensation	3,855.00	
Schedule	2,802.81	
Police, Fire	3,049.04	
Liability	<u>599.00</u>	
		10,305.85

MEMORIAL DAY:		
Band	250.00	
Flag	90.00	
Other Expense	<u>12.00</u>	
		352.00
KIMBALL PARK:		
	<u>22.25</u>	
		22.25
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE EXPENSE:		
	<u>200.00</u>	
		200.00
RENTAL AMERICAN LEGION QUARTERS:		
	<u>500.00</u>	
		500.00
CHRISTMAS PARADE:		
	<u>300.00</u>	
		300.00
CENTRAL MERRIMAC VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION:		
	<u>285.48</u>	
		285.48
TAX TITLE PROPERTY REPAIRS & EXPENSE:		
	<u>80.00</u>	
		80.00
COUNTY DOG FEES:		
	<u>439.00</u>	
		439.00
TRAFFIC MARKERS & STREET SIGNS:		
	<u>25.20</u>	
		<u>25.20</u>
TOTAL RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED		\$14,574.82

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

LIGHT MAINTENANCE:		
Operation and Debt	221,707.34	
Consumer Deposit	<u>1,120.00</u>	
		222,827.34

WATER MAINTENANCE:	<u>33,387.44</u>	33,387.44
WATER METER:	<u>658.10</u>	658.10
AUTOMATIC OPERATION AT PUMPING STATION:	<u>4,334.00</u>	4,334.00
PUMPING STATION:	<u>2,267.90</u>	2,267.90
WATER EXTENSION SAWYER & MAPLE STREETS	<u>4,768.89</u>	4,768.89
GATE VALVES:	<u>1,249.60</u>	1,249.60
WASHING WELLS:	<u>2,738.80</u>	<u>2,738.80</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES		\$272,232.07

CEMETERIES

CEMETERIES:		
Salaries and Wages	4,821.39	
Clerk	400.00	
Gas and Oil	98.68	
Equipment	389.44	
Other Expense	<u>540.49</u>	
		6,250.00
INCOME TRUST FUNDS:		
Salaries and Wages	1,675.76	
Gas and Oil	192.89	
Equipment	1,360.56	
Other Expense	<u>172.57</u>	
		<u>3,401.78</u>
TOTAL CEMETERIES		\$9,651.78

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST

LOAN PAYMENTS:

Elementary School	20,000.00	
Water Meters	4,000.00	
Red Oak School	<u>45,000.00</u>	
		71,000.00

INTEREST:

Elementary School	3,460.00	
Water Meters	1,170.00	
Red Oak School	32,970.00	
Revenue Loan	<u>1,600.44</u>	
		<u>39,200.44</u>

TOTAL MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST	\$110,200.44
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OTHER PAYMENTS

Essex County Taxes	16,889.21	
Certificates of Deposit	1,180,000.00	
Revenue Loan	200,000.00	
Essex County Retirement	15,820.13	
Essex County Mosquito Control	2,235.03	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	327.75	
State Assessment System	149.32	
State Audit	1,815.71	
State Parks and Reservations	3,528.25	
Printing Town Reports	818.75	
Indian Head Park Fees	399.01	
Federal Withholding Tax	44,855.66	
State Withholding Tax	5,502.86	
State Withholding Tax Retention	48.78	
Sales Tax - Town	1.24	
Sales Tax - State	59.98	
Trust Funds in Transit	3,692.51	
Refunds - Personal and Real	5,346.24	
Refunds - Excise	<u>4,837.84</u>	

TOTAL OTHER PAYMENTS	<u>1,486,328.27</u>
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TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR YEAR 1967	3,208,448.34
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CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1967	<u>352,066.71</u>
	\$3,560,515.05

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1967

ASSETS

Cash	\$352,066.71
Certificate of Deposit	50,000.00
Cash Light Depreciation Fund	32,475.82
Petty Cash Town Office	10.00
Petty Cash Tax Collector	25.00
Petty Cash Light and Water	125.00
Personal 1965	342.42
Personal 1966	1,057.86
Real 1966	3,614.32
Personal 1967	2,448.36
Real 1967	82,311.31
Excise 1961	116.33
Excise 1962	97.62
Excise 1963	56.38
Excise 1964	14.30
Excise 1965	155.38
Excise 1966	2,309.02
Excise 1967	7,256.33
Farm Animal Excise 1966	41.50
Farm Animal Excise 1967	113.25
Tax Titles	8,770.19
Tax Possessions	7,425.77
Taxes in Litigation	3,853.89
Cemetery Accts. Rec.	1,673.00

LIABILITIES

Excess on Land of Low Value	\$ 129.91
Consumer Deposit	1,743.08
Sales Tax	.03
Water Meter Fund	123.50
Indian Head Park Fees	872.99
Dog Fees	8.75
Trailings	128.02
Income Library Trust Funds	133.79
Income Cemetery Trust Funds	2,190.30
School Lunch	2,281.97
Sale of Lots - Cemetery	1,300.00
Loans Authorized but Unissued	20,000.00
Overlay Surplus	15,175.09
Overlay 1963	179.99
Overlay 1964	165.20
Excise Revenue	10,005.36
Farm Animal Excise Revenue	154.75
Special Tax Revenue	3,853.89
Tax Title Revenue	16,195.96
Departmental Revenue	5,397.67
Light Revenue	10,133.85
Water Revenue	3,275.75
State and City Aid to Hyway Revenue	13,297.99
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances	160.00

AFWDC Accts. Rec.	362.40	Surplus Revenue	161,599.51
DA Accts. Rec.	5.87	Tax Title Foreclosure	1.58
MA Accts. Rec.	1,820.39	Tax Title Possessions	140.00
OAA Accts. Rec.	848.02	New Fire Truck Expense	2,000.00
Veterans Accts. Rec.	687.99	Civil Defense	232.29
Light Accts. Rec. Light	9,336.32	Ambulance Service	65.20
Light Accts. Rec. Power	18.75	Chapter 90, Construction	4,991.04
Light Accts. Rec. Misc.	778.78	Chapter 90, Maintenance	2.31
Water Accts. Rec. Rates	2,811.18	Highway, Chapter 679	1,377.74
Water Accts. Rec. Misc.	460.57	AFWDC US	7,355.45
Water Accts. Rec. Meter Rentals	4.00	AFWDC US Admx.	3,632.54
State Aid to Hywy. Accts. Rec. Chpt. 81	9,075.00	DA US	1,309.32
State Aid to Hywy. Accts. Rec. Chpt. 90 Maint.	500.00	DA US Admx.	867.05
State Aid to Hywy. Accts. Rec. Chpt. 90 Const.	472.99	MA US	13,455.84
Cty. Aid to Hywy. Accts. Rec. Chpt. 90 Const.	3,250.00	MA US Admx.	1,004.53
State Parks and Reservations	580.03	OAA US	20,212.14
Essex Cty. Mosquito Control	1,341.60	OAA US Admx.	4,543.09
County Taxes	1,422.02	Veterans Benefits	4,753.70
Loans Authorized	20,000.00	Red Oak School	230,264.24
Overlay 1965	233.22	School P.L. 864	919.32
Overlay 1966	344.37	School P.L. 7-180-344	185.18
Overlay 1967	340.31	School P.L. 7-180-345	331.73
Street Lighting	517.21	School P.L. 874	2,602.82
		Red Oak Elementary School Bldg. Comm.	729.25
		Sarah Leavitt Library Bequest	300.00
		Playground	754.00
		Purchase Land from Omni Realty, Inc.	1,000.00
		Kimball Park Trust Funds	16.66
		Printing Town By-Laws	175.00
		Youth Center	600.00

FINAL TRIAL BALANCE (Continued)

ASSETS	LIABILITIES
	Merrimac Industrial Development Comm. 1,200.00
	Traffic Markers & Street Signs 374.80
	Light Department 4,021.72
	Light Depreciation Fund 32,475.82
	Installing Gate Valves 850.40
	Cemetery Care, Imp., Emb. 116.77
	Cemetery Care Harry Robinson Lot 201.90
	<u>\$611,570.78</u>
<u>\$611,570.78</u>	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS

	Balance Jan. 1, 1967	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1967
Moderator		12.00				12.00	12.00	
Finance Board - Clerk		50.00				50.00	50.00	
Expense		350.00				350.00	296.08	53.92
Selectmen - Salary - Chairmen		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Clerk		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Member		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Clerical Assistance		1,350.00				1,350.00	1,350.00	
Expense		1,000.00				1,000.00	688.11	311.89
Accountant Salary		5,200.00				5,200.00	5,200.00	
Clerical Assistance		300.00				300.00	300.00	
Expense		100.00				100.00	85.94	14.06
Treasurer Salary		1,200.00				1,200.00	1,200.00	
Clerical Assistance		200.00				200.00	200.00	
Expense		900.00				900.00	900.00	
Tax Collector Salary		2,500.00				2,500.00	2,500.00	
Clerical Assistance		200.00				200.00	200.00	
Expense		900.00	300.00			1,200.00	1,165.98	34.02
Assessors - Salary - Chairman		500.00				500.00	500.00	
Clerk		400.00				400.00	366.67	33.33
Member		400.00				400.00	366.67	33.33
Clerical Assistance		950.00				950.00	950.00	
Expense		1,000.00				1,000.00	815.82	184.18
Survey			500.00			500.00	298.00	202.00
Legal Counsel - Salary		750.00				750.00	750.00	
Expense		250.00		100.00		350.00	350.00	

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1967	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1967
Town Clerk Salary	600.00					600.00	600.00	
Clerical Assistance	400.00					400.00	400.00	
Expense	230.00		225.00			455.00	433.80	21.20
Registrars Salary - Chairman	100.00					100.00	100.00	
3 @ \$50.00 each	150.00					150.00	141.68	8.32
Clerical Assistance	100.00					100.00	100.00	
Expense	90.00					90.00	81.55	8.45
Census Taker	400.00					400.00	400.00	
Election Officers - Wages	160.00					160.00	160.00	
Expense	86.00					86.00	51.50	34.50
Planning Board Expense	200.00					200.00	43.35	156.65
Board of Appeals - Salary	50.00					50.00	40.00	10.00
Expense	100.00					100.00	4.00	96.00
Bonding Town Officers	600.00					600.00	534.00	66.00
Town Hall Janitor Salary	834.00					834.00	834.00	
Maintenance	2,000.00					2,000.00	1,887.34	112.66
Repairs	825.00					825.00	390.33	434.67
Water in Town Buildings	626.14					625.14	625.14	
Light in Town Buildings	3,188.44				1.00	3,188.44	3,188.44	
Police Salary and Wages	26,140.00					26,140.00	26,138.73	1.27
Expense	2,135.00		2,011.50			4,146.50	3,637.96	508.54
Prisoners Board	500.00					500.00	500.00	
New Cruiser	2,400.00					2,400.00	2,382.31	17.69
Fire Engineers Salary - Chief	300.00					300.00	300.00	
Clerk	200.00					200.00	200.00	

Member	150.00	150.00	150.00
Fire Department - Wages	4,100.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
Expenses (including Hose)	5,500.00	5,500.00	5,044.23
New Truck Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00	0
Forest Fire Warden - Wage	200.00	200.00	199.98
Inspectors:			.02
Gas - Salary	275.00	275.00	275.00
Expense	75.00	75.00	75.00
Wiring - Salary	250.00	250.00	250.00
Expense	50.00	50.00	50.00
Plumbing - Salary	250.00	300.00	300.00
Sewage Salary		150.00	125.00
Oil Burner - Salary	150.00	150.00	150.00
Expense	50.00	50.00	50.00
Tree Warden - Wages	900.00	900.00	900.00
Expense	800.00	800.00	679.59
Town Forest	50.00	50.00	24.00
Moth Department Salary	100.00	100.00	0
Expense	800.00	800.00	495.25
Dutch Elm Disease - Wages	1,250.00	1,250.00	658.10
Expense	750.00	750.00	195.00
New Trees	500.00	500.00	500.00
Stump Removal	400.00	400.00	0
Dog Officer Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expense	300.00	300.00	289.00
Civil Defense Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Expense	74.43	1,274.43	1,042.14
Board of Health	1,600.00	1,600.00	439.95
Health Nurse Salary	1,875.00	1,875.00	1,875.00
Expense	200.00	200.00	132.38
Vital Statistics	180.00	180.00	133.00
Dump Maintenance Salary	3,640.00	3,640.00	3,640.00
			67.62
			47.00
			232.29
			1,146.05
			455.77
			2,000.00
			25.00
			120.41
			26.00
			100.00
			304.75
			591.90
			555.00
			400.00
			11.00
			232.29
			1,146.05
			67.62
			47.00

TABLE OF ACCOUNTS (Continued)

	Balance Jan. 1, 1967	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1967
Expense	1,000.00					1,000.00	837.80	162.62
Ambulance Service						300.00	234.80	65.20
Inspector of Animals Salary	100.00		300.00			100.00	100.00	
Expense	10.00					10.00	10.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering Salary	20.00					20.00	20.00	
Expense	5.00					5.00	5.00	
Inspector of Milk Salary	25.00					25.00	25.00	
Expense	10.00					10.00	10.00	
Highways: Thickly Settled	4,000.00					4,000.00	3,956.57	43.43
Road Machinery Maintenance	4,000.00					4,000.00	3,979.99	20.01
Chapter 81	5,450.00		9,075.00			14,525.00	14,525.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00		500.00			1,500.00	1,497.69	2.31
Snow and Washouts	18,000.00		2,285.30			20,285.30	20,229.87	55.43
Sidewalks, Rails and Bridges	2,600.00					2,600.00	1,509.07	1,090.93
Move Tree Dump to Battis Road	932.00					932.00	775.40	156.60
Street Lights	7,868.61					7,868.61	8,385.82	517.21
Welfare: General Relief	5,000.00				17.30	5,017.30	4,662.82	354.48
General Relief Admx.	500.00					500.00	490.44	9.56
Aid to Families W/ Dep. Children	10,000.00			2,000	1,255.00	9,255.00	8,281.60	973.40
Aid to Families W/ Dep. Children Admx.	2,000.00					2,000.00	1,126.13	873.87
Disability Assistance	3,000.00			1,000.00		2,000.00	1,580.10	419.90
Disability Assistance Admx.	1,500.00					1,500.00	1,135.98	364.02
Medical Assistance	32,000.00		4,000.00		13.34	36,013.34	35,127.75	885.59
Medical Assistance Admx.	2,000.00					2,000.00	1,563.89	436.11
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00		2,000.00		127.85	12,127.85	11,728.15	399.70
Old Age Assistance Admx.	2,000.00					2,000.00	1,995.60	4.40
Veterans Service Officer Salary	900.00					900.00	900.00	
Expense	200.00					200.00	200.00	

Care of Veterans Graves	150.00			150.00	139.70	10.30
Veterans Benefits Clerk Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Expense	3,650.01			6,650.01	1,896.31	4,753.70
School Department	236,465.00		2,467.00	233,998.00	222,681.65	11,316.35
Vocational School	5,600.00			5,600.00	4,658.04	941.96
Pentucket Regional School Assessment	312,153.26			312,153.26	312,153.26	
Regional Vocational School District	200.00			200.00	200.00	
Planning Committee Expense						
Library	5,540.00			6,678.85	6,678.85	
Playground Wages	1,300.00			1,300.00	935.31	364.69
Expense	1,300.00		754.00	546.00	129.73	416.27
Supervised Play Wages	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	
Christmas Parade	300.00			300.00	300.00	
Essex County Retirement	15,820.13			15,820.13	15,820.13	
American Legion Quarters	500.00			500.00	500.00	
Memorial Day	400.00			400.00	352.00	48.00
Reserve Fund	5,000.00		785.48	344.76		344.76
Insurance	9,200.00		1,233.00	10,474.85	10,305.85	169.00
Tax Title Property Repairs	300.00			300.00	80.00	220.00
Purchase Land from Omni Realty, Inc.	1,000.00			1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Interest - Maturing Debts	37,600.00			37,600.00	37,600.00	
Temporary Loans	1,500.00		100.44	1,600.44	1,600.44	
Printing Town By-Laws	175.00			175.00	0	175.00
Youth Center	600.00			600.00	0	600.00
Merrimac Industrial Development Commission	1,200.00			1,200.00		1,200.00
Traffic Markers and Street Signs	400.00			400.00	25.20	374.80
Printing Town Reports	900.00			900.00	818.75	81.25
Water Department	37,826.00			37,826.00	33,387.44	4,438.56
Water Extension Sawyer and Maple Streets	6,171.58			6,171.58	4,768.89	1,402.69
Automatic Operation at Pumping Station	4,334.00			4,334.00	4,334.00	
Washing Wells	6,000.00			6,000.00	2,738.80	3,261.20
Install Gate Valves	2,100.00			2,100.00	1,249.60	850.40
Cemetery	6,250.00			6,250.00	6,250.00	
Care, Improvement, Embellishment	100.00	16.77		116.77	0	116.77

OTHER PAYMENTS NOT APPROPRIATED

	Balance Jan. 1, 1967	Appropriation	Transferred In	Transferred Out	Refunds & Receipts	Total	Payments	Balance Dec. 31, 1967
Real 1964					120.00	120.00	120.00	
Real 1965					233.22	233.22	233.22	
Real 1966					862.98	862.98	862.98	
Real 1967					3,941.04	3,941.04	3,941.04	
Personal 1967					189.00	189.00	189.00	
Excise 1966					1,086.50	1,086.50	1,086.50	
Excise 1967					3,751.34	3,751.34	3,751.34	
Farm Animal Excise 1964								
State Parks and Reservations	(441.74)				3,389.96	2,948.22	3,528.25	(580.03)
State Audit					1,815.71	1,815.71	1,815.71	
Essex County Mosquito Control	(1,529.62)				2,423.05	893.43	2,235.03	(1,341.60)
State Assessment System					149.32	149.32	149.32	
County Taxes	(1,228.42)				16,695.61	15,467.19	16,889.21	(1,422.02)
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills					327.75	327.75	327.75	
Federal Withholding Tax					44,855.66	44,855.66	44,855.66	
State Withholding Tax					5,551.64	5,551.64	5,551.64	
Consumer Deposits	1,463.08				1,400.00	2,863.08	1,120.00	1,743.08
Sales Tax					61.25	61.25	61.22	.03
Water Meter Fund					123.50	123.50	0	123.50
Indian Head Park Fees	398.00	400.00			474.00	1,272.00	399.01	872.99
Dog Fees					447.75	447.75	439.00	8.75
Trust Funds in Transit					3,692.51	3,692.51	3,692.51	
Income Library Trust Funds					574.14	574.14	440.35	133.79
Income Cemetery Trust Funds	2,552.91				3,039.17	5,592.08	3,401.78	2,190.30
School Lunch	780.45		2,467.00		21,213.18	24,460.63	22,178.66	2,281.97

RECAPITULATION

Account Balances 1/1/67	744,138.47
Appropriations	909,127.16
Refunds and Receipts	<u>408,370.73</u>
	\$2,061,636.36

TRANSFERRED TO ACCOUNTS

Tax Collector Exp.	300.00
Ambulance Service	300.00
Reserve Fund	500.00
Reserve Fund	285.48
Assessors Exp.	500.00
Legal Exp.	100.00
Town Clerk Exp.	225.00
Police Dept.	2,011.50
Inspection Plumbing	50.00
Inspection Sewage	150.00
Snow and Washouts	785.30
Snow and Washouts	1,500.00
Insurance	1,233.00
Interest	100.44
Cen. Merr. V.R.P.D. Comm.	285.48
Chapter 81	9,075.00
Chapter 90 Maint.	500.00
Chapter 90 Const.	14,585.96
MA	3,000.00

FROM ACCOUNTS

Ch. 90 Const. (Spec. Twn. Meet.)	300.00
Ch. 90 Const. (Spec. Twn. Meet.)	300.00
Ch. 90 Const. (Spec. Twn. Meet.)	500.00
Revenue	285.48
Reserve Fund	500.00
Reserve Fund	100.00
Reserve Fund	225.00
Reserve Fund	2,011.50
Reserve Fund	50.00
Reserve Fund	150.00
Reserve Fund	785.30
Reserve Fund	1,500.00
Surplus Revenue	1,233.00
Reserve Fund	100.44
Reserve Fund	285.48
Reserve Fund	9,075.00
Surplus Revenue	500.00
Surplus Revenue	14,585.96
General Relief	3,000.00

MA
OAA
School Lunch
Light Dept.

1,000.00
2,000.00
2,467.00
40,000.00

80,954.16

\$2,142,590.52

TRANSFERRED FROM ACCOUNTS

Water in Town Bldgs.

A.F.W.D.C.

D.A.

School

Reserve Fund

Chapter 90 Const.

Playground

Library State Aid

TO ACCOUNTS

Revenue

OAA

MA

School Lunch

Various above accounts

Various above accounts

Carry Over

Library

-13,577.97

\$2,129,012.55

-349,785.08

Account Balances 1/1/68

\$1,779,227.47

Total Payments for year 1967

	Jan. 1, 1967 Balance	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, 1967 Balance
LIGHT DEPRECIATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	19,032.46	6,000.00	1,596.85	15,000.00	11,629.31
Economy Co-op Bank (pd.)	16,000.00				16,000.00
Economy Co-op Bank (sav.)	27,987.55		1,858.96	25,000.00	4,846.51
	<u>63,020.01</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>3,455.81</u>	<u>40,000.00</u>	<u>32,475.82</u>
POST WAR REHABILITATION FUND (INCOME WAR BONDS)					
Merrimac Savings Bank	949.63		40.76		990.39
STABILIZATION FUND					
Merrimac Savings Bank	509.85		21.88		531.73
RENOVATIONS OR ADDITIONS MERRIMAC SCHOOL BUILDINGS					
Merrimac Savings Bank	67.45		2.87		70.32
KIMBALL PARK FUNDS					
Merrimac Savings Bank	4,021.17		172.67		4,193.84
LIBRARY FUNDS					
Merrimac Savings Bank	20,612.65	562.51	892.24	571.05	21,496.35
Danvers Savings Bank	7,500.00		337.51	337.51	7,500.00

Haverhill Savings Bank	5,000.00		225.00	5,000.00
Merrimac Savings Bank - F. Hanley	485.00		3.09	500.00
	<u>33,598.20</u>	<u>562.51</u>	<u>1,136.65</u>	<u>34,496.35</u>

CEMETERY FUNDS

Economy Co-op Bank	12,765.00	602.59	602.59	12,765.00
Battis - Caswell				
Arlene E. Joralmon		100.00		
Grace & Clifford Clark		200.00		
Mrs. William MacDougall		100.00		
Ellsworth & Betty Tucker		200.00		
Arlene & Ansel Clark		500.00		
Edna Gulezian		80.00		
Howard & Estella Bradeen		100.00		
Arthur & Eileen Hayward		200.00		
Walter G. Jean		100.00		
A. Bruce MacGregor		100.00		
Perley F. Hoyt		200.00		
Frank A. Thompson		250.00		
Perley & Edith Brown		100.00		
Charles W. Graham		150.00		
Vincent Rosello		150.00		
Anna L. Smith		300.00		
William G. Jones		100.00		
James G. Scott		100.00		
Merrimac Savings Bank	57,321.87	<u>2,436.58</u>	<u>2,436.58</u>	<u>60,451.87</u>
	<u>70,086.87</u>	<u>3,039.17</u>	<u>3,039.17</u>	<u>73,216.87</u>

	Jan. 1, 1967 Balance	Added	Interest	Withdrawn	Dec. 31, 1967 Balance
		HARRY ROBINSON LOT			
Merrimac Savings Bank	1,500.00		63.75	63.75	1,500.00
		TRUST FUNDS			
Cash in Custody of Treasurer	114,999.50				
		Income War Bonds			990.39
		Stabilization Fund			531.73
		School Renovation & Additions			70.32
		Kimball Park Funds			4,193.84
		Library Funds			34,496.35
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds			73,216.87
		Harry Robinson Lot			1,500.00
	<u>\$114,999.50</u>				<u>\$114,999.50</u>

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE C. MACKENZIE
Town Accountant

In Memoriam

To Those

Who Have Held a Public Office

in the

Town of Merrimac

ALVIN F. HEATH Died 1/21/67

GEORGE F. GULEZIAN Died 2/7/67

WILLIAM C. CASAZZA Died 2/12/67

ARTHUR L. DOUGLASS Died 7/20/67

WILLIAM L. ANDREWS, SR. Died 10/29/67

SABINA A. WEEKS Died 11/23/67

ALBERT WADLEIGH Died 12/10/67

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1967

ESSEX, ss.

To MAURICE CAREY, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in SARGENT HALL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 27, 1967

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1967 and make appropriations for same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted. VOTED

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1968 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. VOTED

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen days at least, before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent, may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such property provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made. VOTED

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell, until the 1968 Annual Town Meeting, at public or private sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quitclaim deeds or other instruments therefore, or to see what action the Town will take in the matter. VOTED

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the Treasury toward the reduction of the 1967 tax rate. VOTED

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep Road Machinery in operation. VOTED

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81, highway construction and maintenance, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to accept proceeds from Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1965, (State funds used for construction of roads), Merrimac's share to be Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-two Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$8,272.20); two-thirds of which may be expended in 1966, the balance to be expended by June 30, 1968. VOTED

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE XII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellish-

ment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, General Laws. VOTED

ARTICLE XIII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1967. VOTED

ARTICLE XIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a police cruiser, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Chief-of-police to trade the 1963 cruiser toward the purchase of the new cruiser or to sell the 1963 cruiser at private or public sale. VOTED

ARTICLE XV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a sidewalk plow. VOTED

ARTICLE XVI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a 4-wheel drive dump truck for the highway department. TABLED

ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a mobile radio for use of the highway department. TABLED

ARTICLE XVIII. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Surplus Revenue Funds the sum of Four Hundred Eighty-five Dollars and Ninety-six Cents (\$485.96) to Chapter 90, Construction. VOTED

ARTICLE XIX. To see if the Town will vote to raise by bond issue, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Fire Engineers to purchase a new fire truck for the Town of Merrimac, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Fire Engineers to trade the 1938 Seagraves truck toward the purchase of a new truck or to sell the 1938 Seagraves truck at private or public sale. VOTED

ARTICLE XX. To see if the Town will vote to close the Merrimacport fire station and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Fire Engineers to dispose of the fire truck and equipment housed at the Merrimacport fire station by private or public sale. VOTED

ARTICLE XXI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to convert the Pumping Station for automatic operations for 60 H.P. motor starter, switch and signals, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE XXII. To see if the Town will vote to establish a fund known as "Water Meter Fund", in which shall be deposited all receipts by the Town of Merrimac for rental of water meters. This

fund shall be withdrawn by vote of the Town only for the purpose of purchasing new water meters as needed. VOTED

ARTICLE XXIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to have wells washed and rated and to replace wells, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE XXIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-one Hundred Dollars (\$2,100.00) to install four six inch gate valves and two ten inch gate valves on East and West Main Streets to provide reasonable protection or take any action relative thereto. Partial listing of gate valves recommended by Water Board Engineer, F. Ward. VOTED

ARTICLE XXV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-one Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents (\$6,171.58) to install 8" water main pipe on Sawyer St., from Pine St. to Abbott St. a distance approximately 600'. On Maple St. from Summer St. to Sawyer St., a distance approximately 300', or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE XXVI. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a committee to be known as the Town Parking Committee; to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, in order that the present and future parking needs of the town may be studied. A report of this committee shall be given at the next annual town meeting. VOTED

ARTICLE XXVII. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase from the Omni Realty, Inc., the following described parcel of land to be used by the Town for the purpose of establishing a sub-station and power lines for the Merrimac Light Department and to appropriate a sum of money for the payment therefor; "A certain parcel of land situated on the Northerly side of Interstate Route 495 and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeasterly corner thereof at the Northerly line of said Route 495 at the Merrimac and Amesbury Town line; thence running

WESTERLY along said Route 495, 1055 feet, more or less, to point of land now or formerly of Eaton, said point being about 40 feet Westerly from a Massachusetts Highway bound at the Northerly line of said Interstate Route 495; thence turning and running

NORTHERLY along said Eaton land and land now or formerly of Bisson 152 feet, more or less, to the end of Burnside Lane; thence turning and running

EASTERLY along the Southerly line of the proposed extention

of said Burnside Lane 100 feet to a bound; thence turning and running

SOUTHERLY along remaining land of Omni Realty, Inc., 83 feet, more or less, to a bound, said bound being 80 feet Northerly line of said U.S. Interstate Route 495; thence turning and running

EASTERLY in a line 80 feet from and parallel to the Northerly line of U.S. Route 495, 960 feet, more or less, to the said Merrimac and Amesbury line; thence turning and running

SOUTHERLY along said Merrimac, Amesbury line 80 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning

Together with the right of way over an extension of Burnside Lane running Easterly from the end thereof for a distance of 100 feet. Said right of way to be 40 feet in width. VOTED

ARTICLE XXVIII. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to take whatever action is necessary to obtain benefits to which the Town may be entitled under provisions of the Federal Housing and Urban Development program. VOTED

ARTICLE XXIX. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected in 1966 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 General Laws or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE XXX. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries." VOTED

ARTICLE XXXI. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of moving the Tree Dump from Middle Road to the refuse disposal area on Battis Road, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE XXXII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of having tax-title possession land deeds searched in order that such land can be sold by the Selectmen or take any action relative thereto. TABLED

ARTICLE XXXIII. To see if the Town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a "Vocational Regional School District Planning Committee" to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended. VOTED

ARTICLE XXXIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and

appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) to defray the expenses of the Regional Vocational School District Planning Committee. VOTED

ARTICLE XXXV. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Commission and authorize the Selectmen to appoint three to seven members to serve on said commission. The purpose of the commission is - "to preserve, by purchase and development, the natural resources in the town for the quiet enjoyment of people." (Submitted by Merrimac Grange members) VOTED

ARTICLE XXXVI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money for printing a supply of Merrimac Town By-Laws. VOTED

ARTICLE XXXVII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the operation of the Youth Center in the Town of Merrimac. VOTED

ARTICLE XXXVIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Merrimac Industrial Development Commission for the purposes of expanding or strengthening the local economy and authorize the commission to advertise the industrial and other advantages of the Town in such manner as it sees fit including the right to hire an industrial development director and to contact with individuals and firms to carry on such a campaign. VOTED

ARTICLE XXXIX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of traffic markers and street signs under Chapter 85, Section 1, General Laws. VOTED

ARTICLE XL. To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to manage the swimming area known as Indian Head Park at Lake Attitash and authorize the Selectmen to appoint said committee. Further, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) to be expended for Indian Head Park during the 1967 season, or take any action relative thereto. VOTED

ARTICLE XLI. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide additional compensation to one of the three Assessors for his full time employment as Assessor for the Town of Merrimac. There is to be no change in the compensation of the two remaining Assessors. The Board of Assessors shall determine who of their number is to be employed on a full time basis. TABLED

ARTICLE XLII. To see if the Town will authorized a committee, to be known as "The Building Needs Committee for Highway and Fire Departments". and to be appointed by the Selectmen, in

order to study the future building needs of the Highway and Fire Departments. A report of this committee shall be given at the next town meeting. VOTED

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven (7) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of February, 1967.

John E. Flynn
Wallace S. Carter
Raymond P. David
Board of Selectmen

A true copy: Attest

Maurice Carey
Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and said place for the purpose therein expressed.

Posted this day of February, 1967 at the following seven (7) places:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Entrance to Sargent Hall | 4. Entrance to Masonic Hall |
| 2. U-Wash-It Laundry | 5. Cozy Cleaners |
| 3. Foot-Mart | 6. Grant's Barber Shop |
| 7. Former Village Store, 'Port | |

Maurice Carey
Constable.

Merrimac, Massachusetts, February 6, 1967

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1967

ESSEX, ss.

To: MAURICE CAREY, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall in Merrimac on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1967

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the use of the Selectmen as members of the Board of Health and to choose by ballot at the next Annual Town Meeting three (3) members of the Board of Health for the term of three (3) years each. The first election at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1968 shall be for one office for a one (1) year term; one office for a two (2) year term; one office for a three (3) year term.

VOTED

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Town of Amesbury for the purpose of providing the townspeople with ambulance service and to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to meet the cost thereof or take any action relative thereto.

VOTED

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Laws - "No person, utility, or town department shall excavate a public highway without first obtaining a written permit from the Board of Selectmen; except a utility may excavate in the event of an emergency involving the health or safety of the public.

No person, utility, or town department shall excavate a public highway to the extent that the highway is closed to traffic without first notifying the fire, police and highway departments of the time excavation will take place and the expected duration of the time during which the highway will be impassable to traffic.

VOTED

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will transfer from available funds the sum of \$300.00 to replenish the expense account of the tax collector of the Town of Merrimac.

VOTED

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the towns' share of Chapter 90, Construction funds

to the Reserve Fund.

VOTED

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven (7) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 26th day of September, 1967.

JOHN L. FLYNN
WALLACE S. CARTER
RAYMOND P. DAVID
Board of Selectmen

A true copy: Attest:

MAURICE CAREY
Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and said place for the purpose therein expressed.

Posted this 27th day of September, 1967 at the following seven (7) places:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Town Hall | 4. Entrance to Masonic Hall |
| 2. Village Washbucket | 5. Cozy Cleaners |
| 3. Food Mart | 6. Ryan's Restaurant |
| 7. Former store at Merrimacport | |

MAURICE CAREY
Constable

WARRANT
for
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1968

ESSEX, ss.

To MAURICE CAREY, one of the Constables of the Town of Merrimac:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet in SARGENT HALL in Merrimac on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1968

at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended: Moderator, Town Clerk, three Selectmen, three Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, three Commissioners of Municipal Light, three Water Commissioners, and raise and appropriate sums of money therefore, and to determine sums of money to be raised to defray the necessary and usual charges and expenses of the Town for the year 1968 and make appropriations for same said sums of money so raised and appropriated to be expended for specific purposes to be voted.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the Revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1969 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen days at least, before the sale, property heretofore taken or which may be taken by the Town under Tax Title Procedure, provided that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen or their authorized agent, may at the time of such public auction reject any bid which they may deem inadequate, or may after such auction has been held sell such prop-

erty provided that in their estimation an adequate offer may be made.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and their successors in office to sell, until the 1969 Annual Town Meeting, at public or private sale any of the property which the Town may have acquired or may hereafter acquire through proceedings based upon non-payment of taxes or under proceedings for the sale of lands of low value, to impose upon the property so sold such restrictions, reservations or conditions as shall be deemed expedient, and to execute and deliver in the name and under the seal of the Town quit-claim deeds or other instruments therefor, or to see what action the Town will take in the matter.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum of money from available balances and from "FREE CASH" in the Treasury toward the reduction of the 1968 tax rate.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the maintenance of Road Machinery to keep road machinery in operation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on highway work on thickly settled streets, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 81 highway construction and maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1967, "State funds used for construction of roads", Merrimac's share to be \$5,514.80 50% of which shall be available on or before December 1, 1968 and the balance on or before December 1, 1969. All sums must be spent by June 30, 1971.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 highway construction, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, or borrow a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the sale of cemetery lots, such sum or part thereof, to be expended under direction of the Cemetery Trustees for the "Care, Improvement and Embellishment" of said cemeteries, according to Section 14, and Section 25 of Chapter 114, General Laws.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from Electric Light Operating balance, said money to be used by the Assessors with the estimated receipts to fix the tax rate for the year 1968.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of dog license fees collected in 1967 to the Merrimac Public Library as provided in Chapter 140, Section 172 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept benefits provided under Chapter 760, Acts of 1960 entitled "An act providing State aid for free public libraries".

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote on the following question: "Shall the town accept the provisions of Chapter 156 of the Acts of 1967 providing for the establishment of a regional school district by the cities of Haverhill and Newburyport and the towns of Amesbury, Boxford, Georgetown, Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury and West Newbury (or by the said cities and such three or more of the said towns as may accept Chapter 156) and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional vocational school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the city councils of said cities and the selectmen of said towns?"

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Regional Vocational School District as operating expenses.

ARTICLE 18. To hear the report of the "Building Needs Committee for Highway and Fire Departments".

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for planning and costs of preliminary design of a building(s) to meet the housing needs of the Highway and Fire Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to name a building committee for this project.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will adopt a By-Law regulating pay hours of work, vacation pay and sick leave and holiday pay for all town employees, except school department employees, as provided for under Section 21a of Chapter 40 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Assessors for the purpose of employing a firm to update the real estate valuations within the Town of Merrimac.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase approximately one acre of land known as Robert Sargent's farm for a water storage tank with a right of way to and from to maintain tank and water pipe lines.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise by bond issue, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended to construct a million gallon water storage tank of prestressed concrete on Bear Hill Road with pipe and connections to the present system, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a fire alarm system to replace the present system housed in the central fire station.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the year 1968 to meet the cost of hospitalization coverage and insurance premiums of life, accidental death, sickness and accident coverage for town employees as provided in Chapter 32B, General Laws.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of selling the municipal light department. Said committee to report their findings by the next annual town meeting.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace portable radio unit, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for an auxiliary stationary engine, to pump water in an emergency during power failure at the pumping station, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to establish a stabilization fund under provisions of Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be incorporated in said fund.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept the

provisions of Section 42a through 42f of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, Tercentenary Edition.

ARTICLE 31. To hear the report of the "Town Parking Committee".

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended for a survey of a new site for the proposed sewage disposal plant.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$472.00 from Indian Head Park Fees to Indian Head Park Expense.

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in seven (7) public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven (7) days before said time of meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of February, 1968.

JOHN E. FLYNN
WALLACE S. CARTER
RAYMOND P. DAVID
Board of Selectmen

A true copy: Attest

MAURICE CAREY
Constable

By virtue of the above warrant to me directed, I hereby notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Merrimac to meet at the time and said place for the purpose therein expressed.

Posted this 9th day of February, 1968 at the following seven (7) places:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Village Washbucket | 4. Former Village Store, 'port |
| 2. Cozy Cleaners | 5. Entrance to Town Hall |
| 3. Ryan's Restaurant | 6. Food Mart |
| 7. Entrance to Odd Fellows Hall | |

MAURICE CAREY
Constable

Merrimac, Massachusetts, February 6, 1968

**Annual Report
of the
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
of the
TOWN OF MERRIMAC**

**For The Year Ending
December 31, 1967**

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

In accordance with custom and with the Acts of the General Court, 1859 Chapter 57, we herewith submit to you the 97th annual printed school report.

JUDITH E. SILVIA, Chairman
RAYMOND R. WALTON, Vice Chairman
EIDA V. JERVEY, Secretary
CARL G. OLSON
LLOYD D. CROSSMANN

SCHOOL OFFICERS

JOHN C. JAKOBEK, Superintendent of Schools
Office Address: Main Street, West Newbury, Mass.
Telephone 363-2280

JUDSON R. MERRILL, Assistant Superintendent
Office Address: Main Street, West Newbury, Mass.
Telephone 363-2250

FREDERICK N. SWEETSIR, M.D., School Physician
Address: 84 River Road, Merrimac, Mass.

DOROTHY E. DOUGHTY, R.N., School Nurse
Address: 104 River Road, Merrimac, Mass.

Working Certificates:

Helen R. Donaghue, Merrimac Elementary School
Office of the Superintendent, Pentucket Regional School

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac:

Your School Committee Submits the following report for 1967. The five members on this Committee supervise the elementary program in this town. Three members from this Committee serve as representatives on the Pentucket Regional School Committee. For a report on secondary education see the Pentucket Regional School Committee Report.

Pupil Housing

The hoped for opening of the Red Oak School in September of 1967 did not materialize. This created extremely crowded conditions at the Union Street School which all parents are aware of. Over-crowded classrooms, limited quarters, makeshift classrooms have added to the difficulty of creating the best educational climate for our children. There seems to be little likelihood that significant numbers of children will attend the Red Oak School during this school year.

In assigning pupils beginning in September (distribution of pupils to buildings), the school population indicates the following organization. All pupils now walking to school will attend the Elementary School on Union Street. Present students that are riding (bus transportation) will attend the new school with the exception of first graders who will be picked up on the usual bus runs but will attend the school on Union Street. Each school will have a kindergarten room. Each kindergarten will have a morning and afternoon session, with pupils attending one session only, either the morning or the afternoon session. A summary assignment of classroom schedules is shown here.

	Students	Classroom Occupancy	Classroom Occupancy
Level	Number	Red Oak	Union St.
K	90	1	1
1	90		4
2	95	2	2
3	111	2	3
4	107	2	3
5	86	2	2
6	77	2	2
Spec. Ed.	12	1	
Physical Ed.		1	1

Finances

This Committee is not unmindful of the financial effort that this community has made and is making on behalf of its

children. Each generation of children must be educated to its future needs. As the number of children increases and as the importance of a quality education increases more and more of the community's effort must be directed in this direction.

To alleviate the growing impact of Education in the Commonwealth, the Sales Tax (Chapter 14; 1966) Law was enacted. The school aid percentage applied to the reimburseable expenditures made by the community gave each community its entitlement under this act. According to the entitlements certified to the Commissioners of Corporations and Taxation for 1968, Merrimac is entitled to \$185,668.96. Entitlement, as we have found in the past two years, does not mean disbursement. While entitlement is based on a formula, disbursement is based on funds available. The funds available are prorated and distributed according to the funds available and are reflected in the "cherry sheet" which is issued by the Department of Corporations and Taxation.

We submit this report with the firm conviction that we have carried out the expressed or implied wishes of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

JUDITH E. SILVIA, Chairman
LLOYD D. CROSSMAN
EIDA V. JERVEY
CARL G. OLSON
RAYMOND R. WALTON

1967 - 1968 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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184 days - Elementary School

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF - MERRIMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Yrs. Experience	Years in Merrimac
Principal	Helen R. Donaghue	Bridgewater Normal 1929	29.5	21.5
INTERMEDIATE UNIT:				
	David W. Shaw	B.S. Ed. Bridgewater Teachers' College 1957	8	8
	Genevieve Smithson	M. Salem State College 1965		
	David L. Antczak	Posse School of Phys. Ed. 1938	14	8
	Patricia M. Condon	B.S. Salem State College 1961	6	6
	Mary Louise Genay	B.S. Gordon College 1953	10	3
	Edward Martin	B.A. Notre Dame College 1965	2	Resigned 6/30/67
	Lawrence N. Altman	B.S. Salem Teachers College 1965	2	2
	Margaret MacInnis	A.B. Boston University 1967	0	Began 9/1/67
	Nancy W. Deminie	B.A. Merrimack College 1964	2	Resigned 6/30/67
	John J. Hart, Jr.	B.A. University of N.H. 1953	8	8
	Kay N. Herlihy	A.B. Merrimack College 1962	4	Resigned 6/30/67
	Joan M. Carbone	B.A. Rivier College	3	Began 9/1/67
	Edith A. Johnston	B.S. Fitchburg State College 1966	1	1
		Framingham Teachers College	0	Began 9/1/67
				Resigned 11/10/67
PRIMARY UNIT:				
	Charlotte R. Goltz	B.A. Wellesley College	13	10
	Micheline Bajack	M. Ed. Boston University		
		B.S. Regis College 1949	14	Resigned 6/30/67
		M. Ed. Boston University 1955		

Marion F. Johnson	B.S. University of N.H. 1949	18	10
	M. Ed. Salem State College 1965		
Florence L. Coe	B.S. Salem Teachers College	19.4	12
Harriet A. Shapiro	B.S. University of Bridgeport 1965	2	Resigned 6/30/67
Dorothy K. Edgerly	Salem Normal 1926	21.5	14
Marie J. English	B.A. Emmanuel	9	9
	M. Ed. Salem Teachers College 1962	9	9
Elizabeth R. Toomey	Boston University 1965	2	Began 9/1/67
Margaret M. Moynihan	Lowell State Normal 1922	24	7
Barbara R. Taylor	Gordon College 1967	1	Began 9/1/67
Miriam M. Felch	B.S. Kutztown, Pa. State Teachers College 1936	19	19
Rosemary C. Keene	B.S. Salem State College 1965	2	Resigned 6/30/67
Patricia L. McAllister	B.S. Lyndon State College 1958	2	Resigned 6/30/67
Penny A. Altman	A.B. Boston University 1967	0	Began 9/1/67
Lois H. Scott	Farmington State Teachers College 1959	3.4	3.4
Nancy Perkins	M. Ed. University of Mass.	8	3
Rita Lastavica	B.A. Boston University	4	Resigned 6/30/67
Martha J. Sax	B.M.E. Mount Union College Ohio 1958	1	Began 9/1/67
Priscilla D. Hull	B.S. Emerson College 1964	3	1

Art Supervisor

Music

Music

Speech Therapist

SCHOOL CENSUS as of October 1, 1967

	Boys	Girls	Total
From 5 to 7	96	89	185
From 7 to 16	<u>390</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>769</u>
	486	468	954

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

NO SCHOOL announcements will be made over Stations WBZ and WHAV after 7 o'clock in the morning.

6:30 a.m. 11 - 11 - 11 No school, all grades.

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MERRIMAC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Appropriated 1967	Expended 1967	Request 1968
ADMINISTRATION:			
School Committee Expense	300.00	462.29	450.00
Superintendent's Salary	2,833.00	2,833.00	3,000.00
Secretaries Salaries	1,520.00	1,403.60	2,430.33
Census Taker	200.00	200.00	200.00
Office Expense	100.00	100.00	100.00
Transportation & Expense	200.00	200.00	200.00
Assist. Superintendent's Salary	1,833.00	1,833.00	1,991.66
Assist. Superintendent's Travel	200.00	200.00	200.00
Data Processing-Attendance	200.00	200.00	200.00
INSTRUCTION:			
Administrative Salaries	10,166.00	9,626.85	15,867.00
Administrative Expense	200.00	204.55	300.00
Clerical Salary	2,400.00	2,430.91	3,370.00
Teachers' Salaries	166,247.00	151,012.69	191,966.00
General Supplies	5,900.00	5,369.96	6,700.00
Textbooks	5,500.00	5,866.33	6,100.00
Library Supplies	100.00	106.53	100.00
Educational TV Assessment	396.00	396.00	400.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES:			
Supervisor of Attendance	100.00	60.00	100.00
School Physician	600.00	540.00	600.00
School Nurse	1,800.00	2,003.29	3,330.00
Health Supplies	50.00	188.07	200.00
Transportation: Regular	9,300.00	8,660.00	11,600.00
Transportation: Special Class	1,740.00	1,707.50	1,740.00
Transportation: Educational	500.00	476.80	500.00
Teacher Aids	None	None	3,237.50

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE:

Custodians' Salaries	11,450.00	9,152.24	13,877.50
Janitors' Supplies	1,100.00	848.72	1,100.00
Fuel	3,300.00	2,386.11	3,300.00
Telephones	575.00	317.40	575.00
Building Maintenance	3,500.00	7,114.24	1,000.00
Grounds Maintenance	None	153.00	None
Equipment Repair	200.00	180.45	200.00
School Lunch Program	None	2,467.00	4,300.00

AQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS:

General Equipment	1,200.00	1,105.18	950.00
Library books	675.00	744.40	675.00
Library Room Equipment	None	None	1,000.00

PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS:

Special Class Tuition	<u>4,100.00</u>	<u>4,598.54</u>	<u>3,360.00</u>
	\$238,485.00		\$285,219.99
Less Available Funds	<u>2,020.00</u>		<u>3,422.14</u>
	\$236,465.00	\$225,148.65	\$281,797.85

VOCATIONAL:

Tuition	4,800.00	4,064.04	5,456.00
Transportation	<u>800.00</u>	<u>594.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 4,658.04	\$ 6,256.00

**Report of the
PENTUCKET REGIONAL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For The
Year Ending December 31, 1967**

In accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16K, the Pentucket Regional District School Committee submits its fourteenth annual report to each of the member towns.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

JOHN C. JAKOBEEK, Superintendent of Schools

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FRANCIS J. FERREIRA, JR., Assistant Principal Jr. High School

Address: Exeter Road, Hampton Falls, N.H.

SYDNEY A. O'NEILL, Treasurer and Accountant

Address: 253 Center Street, South Groveland, Mass.

MICHAEL A. GRASSI, M.D., School Physician

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MRS. JUDITH E. SILVIA, R.N., School Nurse

Address: 24 Prospect Street, Merrimac, Mass.

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 1967

To the Selectmen and Citizens of
Groveland, Merrimac and West Newbury:

The Pentucket Regional School Committee submits the following report for 1967. It met in 40 regular sessions in 1967 on matters relating to the construction or operation of its buildings. In addition there were 6 meetings with the Teachers' Association to implement the Collective Bargaining Law.

Opening of the Junior High

The most important educational event of 1967 was the opening of the Junior High School Building on September 6, 1967. Overcrowded conditions and platooning came to an end with the opening of the new building. For the foreseeable future the housing of our secondary pupils will be adequate. The facilities are up-to-date and instruction should be improved. We are confident that there will be an improvement in the education of our children.

With the opening of this building the organizational plan of the district became a 3 - 3 plan with Grades 7 - 9 in the Junior High School building and Grades 10 - 12 in the Senior High building. The time schedule - school opens at 7:40 a.m. and closes at 2:20 p.m.

Estimated Receipts and Reimbursements

Three types of funds can be considered pertinent to the defraying of some of the total overall cost of operating the schools of the district. Each of these will be reviewed here:

1. The use of estimated receipts in 1968. Each of the items shown here are expected to bring in the amounts shown beside each item. The total for estimated receipts in 1968 is expected to be \$196,735.25.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Construction Grant	\$69,468.75
Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Grant	61,710.50
Transportation Reimbursement	57,861.00
Tuition Fees	600.00
Industrial Arts Fees	900.00
Commission on Pay Phone	35.00
Locker Key Receipts	140.00
Sale of Textbooks	230.00
Vending Machine Receipts	50.00
Driver Education	3,500.00
Summer School	1,840.00
Rental of Facilities	300.00
Refunds and Others	100.00
	<u>\$196,735.25</u>

2. Transfer of funds from the Excess and Deficiency Fund. During 1967 funds were received from various sources such as Federal Programs and the balance available at the end of the year. The income from these sources represents the balance of money in the Treasury at the end of the year. An amount of money is voted each year from this account to the Operation and Maintenance Account. In 1968, the Committee plans to transfer \$70,000.75 for this purpose.

3. Chapter 14 (Sales Tax) funds are proportioned to the towns on the basis of expenditures for the various educational programs. Based upon current information, the percentage of Sales Tax money allocated to the towns for regional school purposes will be: Groveland 42%, Merrimac 42%, and 45% for West Newbury.

If the entitlements to the communities should be effected, Groveland would receive about \$109,211.00, Merrimac would receive about \$77,980.00 and West Newbury would receive about \$37,626.00 for the 1968 regional share of its educational expense. The foregoing are the entitlements certified by the Commissioner of Education to the Commissioner of Taxation and Corporations. However, it is important to know as the past years have shown, that entitlement does not mean distribution. While entitlement is based on a formula, distribution is based upon funds available. The actual amount of estimated receipts in this category is finally issued in the so-called "cherry sheet."

Program

Basically this school operates within Conant's definition of a comprehensive high school. To review the three important objectives of such a program, we have (1) a general education for all future citizens, (2) an elective program for those who may wish to use their acquired skills upon graduation, and (3) provisions for those whose vocations will depend upon their subsequent education. In reviewing the program the conclusion may be reached that we do an adequate job of objectives one and three, but the vocational schools assist in objective two. This is the most common arrangement in Massachusetts schools where vocational education is provided separately except in a few places.

The program of studies offered to the pupils at Pentucket includes certain basic essentials which all students must take and others which are elective. The required subjects vary somewhat from year to year and decrease somewhat from Grade 7 to 12. Typical requirements are in the fields of English, Science, Social Studies, Mathematics and Physical Education. Electives are chosen from the total offerings in the program. The main other areas of interest are: Art, Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Languages,

Business Education, Reading and Music. Guidance is offered in groups by interest areas and counselling on an individual basis. The program of studies for each individual is reviewed with him and his parents to suit his educational or vocational goals.

Every effort is made to achieve the goals which the parents and pupils strive for. Excellence is sought in each area of endeavor. Progress has been made but there is still much to do.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND R. WALTON, Chairman
DONALD R. BEATON
WALTER L. CALLAHAN
WILLIAM A. COOK
DOUGLAS V. CROOK, M.D.
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BARBARA L. GOVE
JOHN R. LANGE
CARL G. OLSON

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF - 1966-1967

PENTUCKET REGIONAL JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Principal	Donald B. Elsemore	B. Ed. Plymouth State College 1954 M. Ed. Keene State College 1960	2
Assistant Principal	Bertram D. Fecteau	M. Ed. Boston University 1955	2
Assistant Principal	Francis J. Ferreira	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	7
Guidance	Maurice Feingold	M. in Guidance, Boston University 1963 CAGS Boston University 1965	5
Guidance	Kenneth B. Wood	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	5
Guidance	Dorothy M. Mesle	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	3
Group Guidance	Robert Fanning	M. Ed. Salem State College 1964	3
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Alta C. Herron	B.P.E. Posse-Nissen 1924	4
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Rita J. Treble	B.S. University of N.H. 1965	Resigned 6/30/67 Began 9/1/67
Girls' Phys. Ed.	Laura J. Parker	B.S. Bridgewater State College 1967	4
Boys' Phys. Ed. Dir.	Thomas J. Flaherty	M.A.T. Brown University 1961	3
Boys' Phys. Ed.	Raymond E. Stickney	B. Ed. Plymouth State College 1964	6
English Dept. Head	Ronald L. Fenerty	B.A. University of N.H. 1961	3
English	Stephen Voltero	B.S. Merrimack College 1962	Resigned 6/30/67
English, Social Studies	Francis Thone	B.B.A. Boston University 1948	9
English	Cornelia E. Wolfe	B.A. Boston University	2
English	John J. McKittrick	A.B. Lowell State 1965	2
English	Linda M. Salce	B.S. Merrimack College 1965	Resigned 6/30/67
English, Reading	Lawrence P. Sweeney	Salem State College	1
English	Albert E. Belanger	B.S. Salem State College 1961	Resigned 6/30/67

English	David S. Hackett	A. B. Bates College 1964	Resigned 6/30/67
English	Janice A. Fowler	B. S. Northeastern University 1967	Began 9/1/67
English	Susan Littlefield	B. A. University of N. H. 1965	Resigned 6/30/67
English	Harold F. Nichols	B. A. Norwich University 1964	Began 9/1/67
English	William J. Martin	B. S. Northeastern University	1
English	Dorothy A. Rostovsky	B. S. Lyndon Teachers College 1963	Began 9/1/67
Reading	Carroll G. Holt	M. Ed. Boston University 1964	Resigned 6/30/67
Reading	Edward J. Milonas	A. B. Gordon College 1948	Began 9/1/67
Reading	Margaret S. Murdoch	A. B. Gordon College 1950	Began 9/1/67
Reading	William B. Normand	B. A. Northern Michigan University 1966	Began 9/1/67
Latin, English	Richard L. Canepa	M. Ed. Salem State College 1966	3
French	Roger Roy	B. A. Salem State College 1962	2
French	Russell C. Steinert	B. A. Marist College 1964	Began 9/1/67
Lab. Assistant	Simone Zalewski	B. S. University of N. H. 1951	4
Spanish	Hazel W. Owen	Cour Complementary Commercial, Paris	4
German, Russian	Albert-Lauritz	A. B. Boston University 1941	4
Dept. Head	Rasmussen	B. F. A. Boston University 1956	Resigned 6/30/67
German, Russian	Brenda Knapp	A. B. Boston University 1967	Began 9/1/67
German	Ursula Perk	Wurzburg University, Germany 1964	Resigned 6/30/67
Pysical Science	Robert E. Knights	M. Ed. Harvard	9
Dept. Head	Melvin Pollack	B. S. Boston University 1958	9
Biological Science	Joseph Derro, Jr.	B. S. North Carolina State 1954	9
Science	Dudley W. Baldwin	M. Ed. Salem State College 1966	3
Science	Robert E. Anton	B. S. Mass. College of Pharmacy 1957	4
Science	James C. Connor	B. S. University of Mass. 1957	2
Science	Roger N. Steelman	B. S. University of N. H. 1957	Resigned 4/13/67
Science	Richard E. Stevens	B. A. Rutgers University 1965	Resigned 6/30/67
		B. S. Springfield College 1960	

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Science	William Safchuk	B. S. Suffolk University 1962	Resigned 6/30/67
Science	Frederick P. Gabriel	A. B. Merrimack College 1963	Began 9/1/67
Science	Mildred E. Kelley	B. S. University of Maine 1967	Began 9/1/67
Science	Janice M. Rourke	B. A. Merrimack College 1967	Began 9/1/67
Science	J. Arthur Tufts	M. Ed. Boston University 1961	Began 9/25/67
Science	Warren C. Tomkiewics, Jr.	B. S. Plymouth State College 1966	Resigned 9/22/67
Social Studies Dept. Head	Joseph Sherry	B. S. Boston College 1942	4
Social Studies	Louis A. Porcelli	M. Ed. Salem State College 1967	9
Social Studies	Jeanne C. Salenikas	B. S. Ed. Boston University 1958	Resigned 6/30/67
Social Studies	Minas Dakos	B. S. Boston University 1964	4
Social Studies	Marilyn Hershfield	B. A. Boston University 1961	Began 9/1/67
Social Studies	John J. O'Wrill	M. A. Boston University 1946	Began 9/1/67
Social Studies	David T. Rose	B. Ed. Plymouth State College 1963	Began 9/1/67
Social Studies	Gerry J. Hull	M. A. Western Michigan University 1963	2
Social Studies	Robert P. Ruskowski	A. B. University of Mass. 1965	2
Social Studies	David G. Buckley	B. S. Salem State Teachers' College 1965	1
Social Studies	Paul A. LeMaitre	B. A. Gordon College 1963	Resigned 6/30/67
Mathematics Dept. Head	William H. Whiting	B. A. Merrimack College 1960	7
Mathematics	Arnold G. Zins	M. Ed. Northeastern University 1961	8
Mathematics Dept. Head	Raymond L. MacNeil	B. A. Amherst College 1954	5
Junior High Mathematics	William F. Carrow	B. S. Boston University 1951	Resigned 6/30/67
		A. B. Merrimack College 1962	

Mathematics	Patricia A. Kent	B. A. Salem State College 1966	1	Resigned 6/30/67
Mathematics	Shelia R. Mann	University of Mass. 1960	1	
Mathematics	Charles R. Stortstrom	A. B. Salem State College 1966		Began 9/1/67
Mathematics	Mary Archambault	A. B. Salem State College 1967		Began 9/1/67
Mathematics	Barbara A. Deacon	B. S. Gordon College 1967		Began 9/1/67
Mathematics	Alan L. Mason	B. S. Salem State College 1965		Began 9/1/67
Mathematics-Social Studies	George P. Michaleas	B. S. Salem State College 1966		
Mathematics	David D. Moore	A. B. Northeastern University 1966		Began 9/1/67
Commercial Dept. Head	Arthur W. Cook	B. S. Ed. Salem State College	2	
Commercial	Stephen Spanger	M. Ed. Springfield College 1964		Resigned 6/30/67
Commercial	Jean W. Lyon	M. Ed. Tufts University 1966		Resigned 6/30/67
Commercial	William T. Loughlin	B. B. S. New Hampshire College 1966		Began 9/1/67
Commercial	Geraldine M. Sanzo	B. S. Salem State College 1967		Began 9/1/67
Industrial Arts	Robert S. Hawes	B. S. Northeastern University 1960	7	
Dept. Head				
Industrial Arts -	James D. Schultz	B. S. Fitchburg State College 1961	6	
Woodworking				
Industrial Arts	Jay Snape	B. A. Bowdoin College		Resigned 6/30/67
Industrial Arts	Nils Sander	Westfield College		Began 9/1/67
Industrial Arts	Donald L. Pinciaro	B. S. Fitchburg State College 1964	3	
Mech. Drawing				
Home Economics	Sallie S. Hojnowski	B. S. University of Mass. 1962		Resigned 6/30/67
Dept. Head				
Home Economics	Mary V. Coder	B. S. Simmons College 1941	1	
Home Economics	Carol A. Hamblett	B. S. Valparaiso University 1964		Began 9/1/67
Data Processing	Donald G. Horgan	B. S. Milligan College	2	Resigned 6/30/67
Data Processing	Marjorie A. Berkey	B. A. Hanover College	4	
Vocal Music	Frank T. Esile	B. S. Ed. Lowell State College 1958		
Music and Band	Robert W. Howard	B. S. Lowell State College 1962	1	

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL STAFF (Continued)

Position	Name	Training	Total Years at Pentucket
Vocal Music	Leon E. Renaud	B.S. Mus. Ed. Lowell State College 1962	1
Art Dept. Head	Nancy A. Norton	A.B. Smith College 1959	1
Art	Diana M. Leigh	M.A. T. Assumption College 1962	
Art	Miriam S. Hawkins	B.F.A. George School Fine Arts 1955	Began 9/1/67
Librarian	Ruth N. Parker	B.A. New England College 1963	Resigned 6/30/67
Assistant Librarian	Grace D. O'Connell	A.B. Coker College 1942	9
Assistant Librarian	Ann McCarville		Resigned 6/30/67
Assistant Librarian	Dorothy J. Whiting		Began 9/1/67
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1967-1968

SCHOOL CALENDAR

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL

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184 days - Pentucket Regional School
Approved April 4, 1967

1968

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Treasurers' Salary	\$ 1,000.00
Check Service	900.00
Legal Service	1,500.00
Professional Literature	100.00
Treasurer's Expense	150.00
State Audit	225.00
Dues	75.00
Bid Advertising	100.00
Conference and Travel	250.00
Other	230.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Accountant's Salary	700.00
Superintendent's Salary	9,000.00
Assistant Superintendent Salary	5,975.00
Secretaries' Salaries	7,291.00
Office supplies, postage, stationery	800.00
Travel (Supt., Asst. Supt., Sec.)	575.00

INSTRUCTION

SUPERVISION

Department Head Salaries	4,950.00
Teacher Aide	3,240.00
In-Service Material	1,000.00

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Principal & Vice Prin. Salaries	40,000.00
Clerical Salaries	13,514.00
IBM Operator (Summer)	800.00
IBM Rental	3,880.00
Computer Master Scheduling	900.00
Office Supplies	3,840.00
Graduation Expenses	1,100.00
Other Expenses	1,199.00

TEACHING

Teachers' Salaries	512,751.00
Summer School Salaries	3,000.00
Contracted Services	2,130.00
Supplies and Materials	23,500.00
Teachers' Travel & Dues	2,276.00

TEXTBOOKS

17,640.00

LIBRARY SERVICES

Salaries	14,011.00
Rebinding	100.00
Supplies and Subscriptions	1,900.00
Travel	50.00

AUDIO VISUAL PROGRAM

Salary	633.00
Film rentals and supplies	4,000.00
Travel	50.00

GUIDANCE SERVICES

Salaries	28,000.00
Secretarial Services	5,314.00
Testing supplies, Reference materials, Office supplies	2,610.00
Travel	150.00

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

ATTENDANCE

Supervisors of Attendance salaries	500.00
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HEALTH SERVICES

School Nurse Salary	4,780.00
School Physician Salary	1,650.00
Health Supplies	300.00
Travel	50.00

OPERATION OF SCHOOL BUSES

Salary of Police Officer	600.00
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TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTED SERVICE

89,730.00

FOOD SERVICES

School Lunch Manager's Salary	5,000.00
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ATHLETICS

Salaries of Coaches, Faculty Mgr., Director of Athletics	8,000.00
Transportation (games)	2,310.00
Reconditioning	2,550.00
Uniforms & supplies	6,000.00
Other expenses and dues	277.00

OTHER STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

Salaries	400.00
Assembly Speakers	300.00
Band Transportation	605.00

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

CUSTODIAL SERVICES

Salaries	64,357.50
Janitors' Supplies	5,000.00

HEATING OF BUILDINGS	14,000.00
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UTILITY SERVICES

Telephones	3,100.00
Water, Gas, Electricity	18,000.00

MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS

Track Maintenance	1,000.00
Mowing Lawns	4,300.00
Plowing	2,000.00
Supplies & Materials	1,600.00

MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

Salary, Maintenance Man	6,250.00
Contracted Services	9,090.00
Supplies & Materials	4,000.00

MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

Contracted Services	3,470.00
Supplies and Materials	300.00

FIXED CHARGES

EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT	8,500.00
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INSURANCE PROGRAM	18,000.00
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DEBT SERVICE (CURRENT LOANS)	2,000.00
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

500.00

ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT

Science	1,200.00
Industrial Arts	1,737.00
Guidance	190.00
Administration	150.00
Art	251.00
Physical Education	732.00
English	50.00

REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

5,214.00

DEBT SERVICE AND RETIREMENT

DEBT RETIREMENT

220,000.00

DEBT SERVICE

112,077.50

TOTAL BUDGET

\$1,351,530.00

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

1968 BUDGET

COST DISTRIBUTIONS

Groveland	10/1/67 Enrollment = 563	46.9558%
Merrimac	10/1/67 Enrollment = 391	32.6105%
West Newbury	10/1/67 Enrollment = <u>245</u>	<u>20.4337%</u>
	1199	100.0000%

1968 Budget as approved November 27, 1967 \$1,351,530.00

Less: Estimated receipts \$196,735.25
 Transfer from Excess &
 Deficiency 70,000.75

Amount used to reduce 1968 Budget \$266,736.00 266,736.00

Total amount to be raised \$1,084,794.00

ASSESSMENTS TO TOWN'S BASED ON AGREEMENT

Groveland's share	(46.9558%) = \$ 509,373.70
Merrimac's share	(32.6105%) = 353,756.75
West Newbury's share	(20.4337%) = <u>221,663.55</u>
	\$1,084,794.00

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash Balance January 1, 1967 \$ 167,784.62

RECEIPTS

Assessments to the Towns	\$ 930,024.00
Comm. of Mass. Reimbursements	258,923.25
U.S. Government Grants	18,864.97
Payroll Deductions	162,146.33
School Lunch Program Fund	38,664.46
Athletic Program Fund	3,420.85
Tuition	730.00
Rent	291.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,883.04
Refunds	798.39
U.S. Treas. Bill Maturing in 1967	148,525.31

Certificates of Deposits Maturing in 1967	1,775,000.00	
Interest Earnings on Investments	14,449.38	
Accrued Interest	5,575.38	
Premium on Loan	1,854.82	
School Construction Loan	1,095,000.00	
Sale of Revenue Anticipation Loans	245,000.00	
Sale of Serial Issue Loan	<u>100,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,805,151.18</u>
		\$4,972,935.80

EXPENDITURES

Maintenance & Operation	811,232.35	
Amortization - Debt & Interest	340,480.00	
Payroll Deduction Payments	162,152.33	
School Lunch Program Fund	43,788.65	
Athletic Program Fund	3,723.67	
Estimated Receipts	15.00	
Public Law #874	1,205.29	
Public Law #88-210	937.50	
School Construction Fund	846,311.65	
Premium on Loan	1,854.82	
Revenue Anticipation Notes	245,000.00	
Serial Loan Notes	300,000.00	
Purchases of U.S. Treasury Bills	148,525.31	
Purchases of Certificates of Dep.	<u>1,775,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,680,226.57</u>
Cash Balance December 31, 1967		\$ 292,709.23

RECEIPTS

TOWN ASSESSMENTS:		
Groveland	422,372.26	
Merrimac	312,153.26	
West Newbury	<u>195,498.48</u>	930,024.00
COMM. OF MASS. REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Construction Grant	200,648.00	
Transportation	57,861.00	
Spec. Education Chap. 69-71	<u>414.25</u>	258,923.25
U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS:		
Public Law #874	12,837.00	
Public Law #85-864	5,037.97	
Public Law #88-210	<u>990.00</u>	18,864.97
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS:		
Pioneer Credit Union	40,091.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	74,617.90	

Mass. Withholding Tax	10,150.58	
Teachers' Retirement Fund	24,600.30	
Essex County Retirement Fund	4,122.55	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	8,276.50	
Life Insurance	263.50	
United Fund	<u>24.00</u>	162,146.33

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUND:

Sale of Food	32,129.32	
U.S.D.A. Reimbursements	<u>6,535.14</u>	38,664.46

ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUND:

Ticket Sales		3,420.85
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TUITION:

Payment of Out-of-Town Students		730.00
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RENT:

Rental of Cafeteria and Auditorium		291.00
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MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:

Industrial Arts Fees	711.85	
Commission on Pay Phone	42.95	
Locker Key Receipts	140.00	
Sale of Books	231.66	
Vending Machine Receipts	54.48	
Fees for Collecting State		
Withholding Tax	71.75	
Driver Education Fees	3,050.00	
Summer School Fees	1,280.00	
Payment for Broken Window	8.35	
Sale of Power Saw	10.00	
Reimbursement for School Band	100.00	
Reimbursement for Phone Calls	2.00	
Reimbursement for Labor	<u>180.00</u>	5,883.04

REFUNDS:

798.39

U.S. TREASURY BILLS MATURED:

148,525.31

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT MATURED:

1,775,000.00

INT. EARNINGS ON INVESTMENTS:

U.S. Treasury Bills	1,474.69	
Certificates of Deposits	<u>12,974.69</u>	14,449.38

ACCRUED INT. ON \$1,095,000.00 LOAN:

5,575.38

PREMIUM ON LOAN:

Premium on \$1,095,000.00 Bond Issue	1,854.82
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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LOAN:

1,095,000.00

TEMPORARY LOANS:

Sale of Revenue Anticipation Notes:

March 15, 1967	66 day note	120,000.00	
July 3, 1967	50 day note	<u>125,000.00</u>	245,000.00

Sale of Serial Issue Anticipation Note:

January 10, 1967	<u>100,000.00</u>
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Total Receipts Year Ended December 31, 1967	\$4,805,151.18
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EXPENDITURES

MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

ADMINISTRATION

Treasurer's Salary	700.00	
Treasurer's Expense	998.09	
School Committee Expense	758.27	
Legal Expense	480.00	
Superintendent's Salary	8,500.00	
Accountant's Salary	700.00	
Secretarial Services	6,989.87	
Office postage, supplies, etc.	863.26	
Superintendent's Travel	276.92	
Asst. Superintendent's Salary	5,499.90	
Asst. Superintendent's Travel	<u>176.70</u>	\$ 25,943.01

INSTRUCTION

Department Head Salaries	3,355.52
Extra Help	2,505.00
In-Service Materials	218.50
Principal & Vice Principal Salaries	31,041.32
Clerical Salaries	9,117.92
IBM Operator (Summer)	600.00
Office Expense	3,422.78
Adminstrators' Travel	509.67
IBM Rental	3,880.00
Diplomas and Awards	1,122.13
Association Memberships	306.76
Teachers' Salaries	427,005.06
Teachers' Travel	877.88
General Supplies	5,123.82

SPECIFIC SUPPLIES

Art	3,064.88
Business Education	1,509.01
English	210.64
Home Economics	947.96
Industrial Arts	5,797.23
Music	609.93
Science	2,711.88
Mathematics	165.30
Physical Education	988.37
Driver Education	377.93
Social Studies	550.35
Summer School	1,800.00
Textbooks	15,872.58

LIBRARY SERVICES

Librarians' Salaries	10,686.74
Supplies	974.09
Subscriptions	1,179.41
Travel	57.05

AUDIO-VISUAL

AV Director's Salary	430.68
Film Rental and Purchase	2,435.05
Bulbs, tapes, etc.	864.17
Travel	67.80

GUIDANCE

Salaries	23,084.30
Clerical Salary	4,024.54
Testing Supplies	2,018.84
Travel	84.80
Office Supplies	36.10
Reference Materials	783.43

570,419.42

OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Supervisor of Attendance	180.00
School Physician	1,320.00
School Nurse	4,092.16
Health Supplies	269.52
Nurse's Travel	5.60
Police Duty	243.00
Transportation - Regular	67,179.00
Transportation - Athletics	2,779.21
Transportation - Band	137.75
Coaches, Ath. Director, Faculty Mgr.	7,131.93
Athletic Supplies	5,822.47
Reconditioning Uniforms	2,427.71
Assembly Speakers	385.00
Yearbook Salaries	362.00
Dramatics Salary	300.00
Director of Accounts	276.96

92,912.31

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Custodians' Salaries	39,024.01	
Custodians' Supplies	3,507.49	
Heat	8,071.06	
Telephones	2,570.76	
Water, Gas, Electricity	14,787.04	
Track Maintenance	340.35	
Mowing and Trimming	1,855.00	
Snow Removal	960.25	
Supplies for Grounds Maintenance	1,017.95	
Building Maintenance Supplies	3,021.46	
Bdg. Maintenance Contracted Sevice	5,576.65	
Equip. Maintenance Contracted Serv.	3,238.21	
Equipment Replacement	<u>1,371.49</u>	85,341.72

FIXED CHARGES

Essex County Retirement	7,576.44	
Insurance	14,153.45	
Interest on Borrowed Money	<u>2,547.15</u>	24,277.04
Cost of Serial Loan		1,274.64

CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Other Expenses		15.05
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ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Business Education	1,141.00	
Library	1,205.08	
Science	4,795.03	
Physical Education	1,102.70	
Industrial Arts	324.24	
Home Economics	252.94	
Social Studies	673.64	
Foreign Languages	64.16	
Audio Visual	1,403.03	
Building	<u>87.34</u>	<u>11,049.16</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

\$811,232.35

AMORTIZATION

Payment of Principal	220,000.00	
Payment of Interest	<u>120,480.00</u>	340,480.00

PAYROLL DEDUCTION PAYMENTS

Pioneer Credit Union	40,091.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	74,617.90	
Mass. Withholding Tax	10,150.58	
Teachers' Retirement Fund	24,600.30	
Essex County Retirement Fund	4,122.55	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	8,276.50	
Life Insurance	263.50	
United Fund	<u>30.00</u>	162,152.33

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FUND

Salaries	17,446.28	
Food	24,385.92	
Other	<u>1,956.45</u>	43,788.65

ATHLETIC PROGRAM FUND

Referees, Police, Custodians and Ticket Sellers	2,394.20	
Equipment	1,093.82	
Food	63.96	
Transportation	141.69	
Plowing Football Field	<u>30.00</u>	3,723.67

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Refund of 1966 Rental Deposit		15.00
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PUBLIC LAW #874

Library Books	57.34	
Equipment	867.95	
Printing	<u>280.00</u>	1,205.29

PUBLIC LAW #88 - 210

Equipment		937.50
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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

General Contractor	605,060.11	
Architect	8,349.09	
Clerk of Works	6,683.91	
Insurance	1,999.00	
Telephone	424.22	
Landscaping	105.00	
Equipment	<u>223,690.32</u>	846,311.65

PREMIUM ON LOANS		
Payment toward cost of \$1,095,000 Bond Issue		1,854.82
REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES		
Note due May 19, 1967	120,000.00	
Note due August 22, 1967	<u>125,000.00</u>	245,000.00
SERIAL BOND ISSUE ANTICIPATION NOTES		
Note due April 18, 1967	200,000.00	
Note due April 18, 1967	<u>100,000.00</u>	300,000.00
PURCHASE OF U.S. TREASURY BILLS		
		148,525.31
PURCHASE OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT		
		<u>1,775,000.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDED		
DECEMBER 31, 1967		\$4,680,226.57

PENTUCKET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1967

ASSETS		GENERAL ACCOUNTS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:	General				
	Petty				
			Revolving Funds:		
		\$ 292,709.23	School Lunch Fund	\$ 19.13	
		50.00	Athletic Fund	3,295.92	
			P.L. 88 210	52.50	
			Reserve for Petty Cash	50.00	
			Tailings-Unclaimed Checks	56.22	
			School Construction	159,402.07	
			Surplus Revenue	129,883.39	
		<u>\$ 292,759.23</u>		<u>\$ 292,759.23</u>	
			DEBT ACCOUNTS		
Net Funded or Fixed Debt		\$2,922,000.00	School Construction Loans:	\$ 24,000.00	
			October 1, 1955	500,000.00	
			January 15, 1957	425,000.00	
			December 1, 1957	38,000.00	
			July 15, 1964	900,000.00	
			December 15, 1965	1,035,000.00	
			December 15, 1966	<u>\$2,922,000.00</u>	
		<u>\$2,922,000.00</u>			

SYDNEY A. O'NEILL, Treasurer

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Report of the
Finance Committee

See you at
Town Hall **MERRIMAC**

Monday, February 27, 1967

(front cover)

MERRIMAC RIVER
River Road from Locust Street

To the Citizens of Merrimac:

The Finance Board herewith submits its budget recommendations for 1967.

We call to your attention the following conditions which have bearing on the Town's Operation and tax rate for the coming year.

1. Increased recommended appropriations

The recommendations in this years budget total \$999,161 or \$175,465 over last years total of \$823,696. Departments having major changes are

	1966	Rec. 1967		Increase
School	463,424	554,218	+	90,794
Maturing debt	42,370	108,176	+	65,806
Police	18,889	28,775	+	9,886

2. Less free cash

This year, we recommend that \$33,867 be used to reduce the tax rate. This figure compares to \$82,946 in 1966 and \$94,112 in 1965.

3. More abatements

Due to recent State Legislation, the total of abatements granted was much higher than anticipated.

4. Less revenue than anticipated from Sales Tax

Of the approximated \$132,000 anticipated from the Mass. Sales Tax, the Town has received only about \$110,000.

5. Increasing Town Valuation vs. Increasing Costs

The assessed valuation of taxable property in town has slowly increased from year to year but has in no way kept pace with rapidly increasing Town Government Costs.

Since we do not have the figures at this time from the State's "Cherry Sheet". We cannot accurately predict the Town's Tax Rate for 1967. The facts above, however, do not paint an optimistic picture, and we must urge every voter to use the utmost caution in voting on the town budget. Each appropriation of approximately \$11,000 means another dollar on the rate.

We thank the Selectmen, the town accountant, department heads and other town officials who helped us at some of our 23 meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Edmond L. Hamel, Chairman
James B. Pierce, Secretary
Ralph Buzzell
James H. Christie
Raymond E. Emmert
Kenneth L. Fowle
Walter S. Perkins

Recommended Expenditures Including Transfers and Special Articles

4,400	.44%	Recreation
5,540	.55%	Library
6,350	.64%	Cemeteries
4,550	.46%	Veterans Benefits
9,597	.96%	Health & Sanitation
15,820	1.58%	Pensions
21,513	2.15%	Unclassified
28,162	2.82%	General Government
50,425	5.05%	Protection Persons & Property
65,979	6.60%	Highways
56,431	5.65%	Public Enterprises
5,500	.55%	Maturing Debt & Interest, other than Schools
68,000	6.81%	Charities
656,894	65.74%	Schools, inc. Maturing Debt & Interest

Item No.	Average Expended 1963-1965	Expended 1966		Recommended 1967
GENERAL GOVERNMENT 2.82% of Total				
1	\$ 12.	\$ 12.	Moderator Salary	\$ 12.
2	100.	50.	Finance Committee Clerical Assistance	50.
3	248.	303.20	Expense	350.
4	900.	900.	Selectmen Salary	900.
5	1191.	1441.63	Clerical Assistance	1350.
6	764.	1076.24	Expense	1000.
7	300.		State Census	---
8	3900.	4480.	Accountant Salary	5200.
9	379.	599.08	Clerical Assistance	300.
10	55.	97.81	Expense	100.
11	1000.	1200.	Treasurer Salary	1200.
12	100.	200.	Clerical Assistance	200.
13	1836.	800.	Expense	900.
14	2500.	2500.	Tax Collector Salary	2500.
15	190.	200.	Clerical Assistance	200.
16	590.	893.27	Expense	900.
17	435.	500.	Assessors Salaries - Chairman)	500.
18	385.	400.	Clerk)	400.
19	310.	400.	Member)	400.
20	780.	950.	Clerical Assistance	950.
21	725.	698.47	Expense + Calculator	1000.
22	750.	750.	Law Town Counsel - Salary	750.
23	250.	113.20	Expense	250.
24	600.	600.	Town Clerk Salary	600.
25	100.	200.	Clerical Assistance	400.
26	208.	451.85	Expense	230.
27		60.40	Public Stenographer	--
28	160.	630.	Elections and Registrations Wages	160.
29	22.	153.23	Expense	86.
30	250.	250.	Registrars Salaries	250.
31	100.	100.	Clerical Assistance	100.
32	45.	107.06	Expense	90.
33	400.	400.	Census Takers	400.
34	232.	67.70	Planning Board Expense	200.
35	834.	834.	Town Hall Janitor Wages	834.
36	2000.	2000.	Maintenance	2000.
37	602.	695.34	Expense - Repairs in, on, or around	825.
38	543.	571.	Bonding Town Officers	600.
39	\$23796.00	\$25787.67	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$26187

PROTECTION PERSONS AND PROPERTY 5.05% of Total

			Police Department	Requested	
40	6137.	6567.06	Salaries - Chief	6760.	6710.
41	4500.	4485.44	Sergeant	5590.	5255.
			Night Patrolmen(2)	10400.	9730.
42	5118.	7816.99	Wages - Special	4500.	3145.
43	1277.	1300.00	Clerk	3432.	1300.
44	1821.	3555.77	Expense	2500.	2135.
45	<u>500.</u>	<u>500.00</u>	Board Prisoners in Amesbury		<u>500.</u>
46	\$19353.	\$24225.26	TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT		\$28775.
Fire Department					
47	650.	650.	Salaries - Engineers		650.
48	3768.	3873.97	Wages - Firemen		4100.
49	200.	199.92	- F F Warden		200.
50	<u>3314.</u>	<u>\$3955.69</u>	Expense including Hoses \$1500.		<u>5500.</u>
51	\$7932.	\$8679.58	TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT		\$10450.
Board of Appeals					
52		10.	Salary		50.
53	31.	5.12	Expense		100.
Inspector of Wires					
54	250.	250.	Salary		250.
55	50.	50.	Expense		50.
Inspector of Gas				Requested	
56	250.	275.	Salary	400.	275.
57	50.	75.	Expense	100.	75.
Inspector of Oil Burners					
58		150.	Salary		150.
59		50.	Expense		50.
Inspector of Plumbing					
60		75.	Salary		200.
61			Expense		50.
Tree Department					
62	445.	900.	Wages - Tree Warden		900.
63	461.	596.72	Expense		800.
64	500.	500.	New Trees		500.
65	800.	539.30	Stump Removal		400.
Town Forest					
66	20.	24.	Wages		50.
Moth Department					
67		177.	Wages		100.
68	700.	624.	Expense		800.
Dutch Elm					
69	1328.	1389.10	Wages		1250.
70	534.	591.85	Expense		750.
Dog Officer					
71	100.	200.	Salary		200.
72	296.	272.	Expense		300.
Civil Defense					
73	300.	300.	Salary		300.
74	1192.	<u>1347.97</u>	Expense		<u>1200.</u>
75	\$34592.	\$41306.90	Total Protection of Persons and Prop.		\$48025.
Health and Sanitation % of Total					
76	1875.	1875.00	Salary - Nurse		1875.
77	160.	224.83	Expense		200.

HEALTH and SANITATION .96% of Total				
Board of Health				
78	15.	11.00	Animal Burials	100.
79	4603.	428.21	Contagious Diseases - T.B. & P.B., etc.	1500.
80	171.	170.00	Vital Statistics	180.
Inspector of Animals				
81	100.	100.	Salary	100.
82	5.	10.	Expense	10.
Inspector of Milk				
83	20.	25.	Salary	25.
84	5.	10.	Expense	10.
Inspector of Slaughter				
85	20.	20.	Salary	20.
86	5.	5.	Expense	5.
Sanitation				
87	600.	3640.	Dump - Wages	3640.
88	1909.	748.45	Expense	1000.
89	\$9488.	\$7267.49	TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	\$8665.
Highways 6.60% of Total				
	35921.	35113.	"Road Construction & Maintenance"	37025.
90	13259.	18270.04	Snow and Washouts	Appropriation 18000.
91	1600.	1600.00	Sidewalks	Appropriation 2600.
92	8543.	7868.61	Street Lights	Appropriation 7868.
	\$59323.	\$62851.00	TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$65493.
Charities 6.81% of Total Admx. Assist.				
93	2426.	2895.07	Welfare - Gen. Relief	500. 5000. 5500.
94	20726.	19567.67	Aid Fam. Dep. Children	2000. 10000. 12000.
95	9285.	9812.75	Disability	1500. 3000. 4500.
96	35820.	50292.39	Assist meet Medicaid	2000. 32000. 34000.
97	57481.	49247.64	Old Age Assistance	2000. 10000. 12000.
98	\$134898.	\$145363.83	TOTAL CHARITIES	\$68000.
Veterans Benefits .46% of Total				
99	500.	700.00	Service Officer Salary	900.
100	200.	200.00	Expense	200.
101	150.	137.80	Care Veterans Graves	150.
Soldiers Benefits				
102	300.	300.00	Salaries and Wages	300.
103	945.	4904.74	Expense	3000.
104	\$2095.	\$6242.54	TOTAL VETERANS BENEFITS	\$4550.
SCHOOLS 65.74% of Total				
Elementary				
105	148142.	166907.87	Salaries and Wages	199149.
106	28671.	30078.20	Expense	33496.
107	\$176813.	\$196986.07	TOTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	\$232645.
			Less available Federal Funds	- 2020.
			Total Elementary Schools	230625.
108	4887.	7274.58	Special Class Tuition & Trans.	5840.
109	24670.	21537.51	Lunch Program	- -
110	4580.	5136.42	Vocational Tuition & Transportation	5600.
111	233888.	253210.00	Pentucket Regional School Assessment	312153.
112	444838.	484144.58	TOTAL SCHOOLS	554218.
Library .55% of Total				
Librarian				
113	2694.	3341.15	Salary and Wages	4380.
114	2402.	2932.92	Expense	3675.
115	5096.	6274.07		8055.
116	-1136.	-1487.58	Less Estimated Income	-2515.
117	\$3960.	\$4786.49	TOTAL LIBRARY	\$5540.

			Recreation .44% of Total	
			Playground	
118	880.	866.40	Wages	1300.
119	892.	1110.68	Expense	1300.
			Supervised Play	
120	900.	1000.00	Salaries and Wages	1000.
121	300.	300.00	Christmas Parade	300.
122	<u>\$2972.</u>	<u>\$3277.08</u>	TOTAL RECREATION	<u>\$3900.</u>
			Pensions 1.58% of Total	
123	14688.		Essex County Retirement	15820.
124	<u>\$14688.</u>	<u>\$15138.12</u>	TOTAL PENSIONS	<u>\$15820.</u>
			Unclassified 2.15% of Total	
125	874.	850.10	Town Reports	900.
126	400.	398.53	Memorial Day Expense	400.
127	500.	500.00	Veterans Quarters Rental	500.
128	7997.	8289.06	Insurance	9200.
129		4853.41	Res. Fund (trans. from Assessors' Overlay Surplus)	5000.
130	2394.	2851.78	Lighting Town Buildings	3188.
131	700.	700.00	Water in Town Buildings	626.
132			Tax Title Possessions-Repairs and Deeds Searched	300.
133	<u>\$12865.</u>	<u>\$18442.88</u>	TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>\$20114.</u>
			Public Service Enterprises 5.65% of Total	
			Water Department	
134	150.	150.00	Salaries Commissioners	150.
135	2324.	2341.00	Superintendent	2496.
136	1200.	1284.97	Clerk	1400.
137	14824.	18577.41	Wages Laborers	16542.
138	<u>15160.</u>	<u>17337.98</u>	Expense	<u>17238.</u>
139	<u>\$33658.</u>	<u>\$39691.36</u>	TOTAL PUBLIC ENTERPRISES	<u>\$37826.</u>
			Cemeteries .64% of Total	
			Cemetery	
140	350.	400.00	Salary Clerk	400.
141	6730.	7420.87	Wages Laborers	5000.
142	2608.	1383.38	Expense	3402.
143	<u>9688.</u>	<u>9204.25</u>		<u>8802.</u>
	-3532.	-3117.11	Less Int. Trust Funds	-2552.
144	<u>\$6156.</u>	<u>\$6087.14</u>	TOTAL CEMETERIES	<u>\$6250.</u>
			Maturing Debt. and Interest .55% of Total	
145			Debt. Red Oak School	43075.87
146	17000.	17000.00	Elementary School	17000.00
147	5000.	5000.00	Elementary School Addition	5000.00
148		4000.00	Water Meters	4000.00
			Interest	
149	4680.	5370.00	Maturing Debt.	37600.00
150	600.	2182.79	Temporary Loans	1500.00
151	<u>\$27280.</u>	<u>\$33552.79</u>	TOTAL MATURING DEBT. & INT.	<u>\$108175.87</u>
			Total budget recommendation	930738.00
			Total recommended spec. art.	43112.00
			Total recommended transfers	25311.00
				<u>\$999161.00</u>

SPECIAL ARTICLES

- Art. 1. Omnibus article on budget
Recommended
- Art. 2. Authorization for the Town Treasurer to borrow money
Recommended
- Art. 3. Authorization for the Town Treasurer to sell at public auction property taken by the Town under Tax Title proceedings
Recommended
- Art. 4. Authorization for the Selectmen to sell any property taken by the Town until the 1968 Town Meeting
Recommended
- Art. 5. Authorization for the Assessors to use a sum of money in the Treasury toward reduction of the 1967 Tax Rate
Recommended \$18,144 (From free cash \$15,000, Available funds \$3,144)
- Art. 6. Road Machinery Account
Recommended \$4,000
- Art. 7. Thickly Settled Streets
Recommended \$4,000
- Art. 8. Chapter 81 Highway Construction & Maintenance
Recommended \$14,525 (App. \$5,450, Trans. S.R. \$9,075)
- Art. 9. To accept proceeds from Chapter 679 of the acts of 1965 (State Funds used for construction of roads) Merrimac's share to be \$8,272.20
Recommended
- Art. 10. Chapter 90 Highway Construction
Recommended \$13,000 (App. \$4,350, Trans. S.R. \$9,750)
- Art. 11. Chapter 90 Maintenance
Recommended \$1,500 (App. \$1,000, Trans. S.R. \$500.)
- Art. 12. To transfer the sum of \$100. from the sale of Cemetery Lots to "Care, Improvement and embellishment" of Cemeteries
- Art. 13. To appropriate a sum of money from the Electric Light operating balance for tax reduction for the year 1967
Recommended \$17,057 (Town Bldgs. & St. Lights \$11,057
Light Dept. \$6,000)
- Art. 14. Trade present 1963 police cruiser and purchase new cruiser
Recommended \$2,400
- Art. 15. Purchase sidewalk plow
Not Recommended
- Art. 16. Purchase 4-wheel dump truck for Highway Dept.
Not Recommended

- Art. 17. Purchase mobile radio for Highway Dept.
Not Recommended
- Art. 18. Transfer \$485.96 from Surplus Revenue to Chapter 90, Construction
Recommended \$485.96
- Art. 19. Trade 1938 Seagraves fire truck and purchase new fire truck
Recommended (\$22,000 on 5-year bond issue)
- Art. 20. Close Merrimacport fire station
Recommended
- Art. 21. Automatic operation at pumping station
Recommended \$4,334
- Art. 22. Establish water meter fund
Recommended
- Art. 23. Wash Wells
Recommended \$6,000
- Art. 24. Install 4-six inch and 2-ten inch gate valves
Recommended \$2,100
- Art. 25. Install 8" Water Main on Sawyer St. & on Maple St.
Recommended \$6,171.58
- Art. 26. Appoint committee to study municipal parking problem
Recommended
- Art. 27. Lionel Maurice land - Water Dept.
Insufficient Information for Recommendation
- Art. 28. Water Commissioners to apply for Federal Funds
Recommended
- Art. 29. Dog License fees transferred to Library
Recommended
- Art. 30. Accept benefits to Public Libraries
Recommended
- Art. 31. Move tree dump to Battis Road
Recommended \$932.00
- Art. 32. Search tax-title possession lands
Included in Art. 1.
- Art. 33. Vocational Regional School District Planning Committee
Recommended
- Art. 34. Funds for Vocational Regional School District Planning Committee
Recommended \$200.
- Art. 35. Conservation committee (Merrimac Grange)
Recommended

Status of the Surplus Revenue (E&D) Account

Jan. 1, 1966		Jan. 1, 1967
\$155,861.89	Credit Balance	\$106,107.23
65,869.59	Deduct uncollected taxes	55,137.58
<u>\$ 89,992.30</u>	AVAILABLE CASH	<u>\$ 50,969.65</u>

RECOMMENDED TO BE USED TO REDUCE TAXES

\$ 60,000.00	Surplus Revenue	\$ 15,000.00
15,720.39	Light Dept. (Street Lights & Town Bldgs.)	15,723.10
7,226.00	Available Balances	3,144.31
<u>\$ 82,946.39</u>	TOTAL	<u>\$ 33,867.41</u>

BORROWING CAPACITY OF THE TOWN JAN. 1, 1967

Real and Personal:

Valuation 1964, less abatements	\$ 5,141,345.00
Valuation 1965, less abatements	10,600,375.00
Valuation 1966, less abatements	11,404,218.00

Motor Vehicles:

Valuation 1964, less abatements	\$ 925,755.00
Valuation 1965, less abatements	960,773.00
Valuation 1966, less abatements	11,992,610.00
Net valuation for 3 years, less abatements	\$ 30,231,728.00
Average valuation for 3 years, less abatement	10,077,243.00
5% thereof (debt limit)	503,962.00

EXISTING TOWN DEBT INSIDE DEBT LIMIT

Elementary School (1952-\$39,000) Balance	\$ 9,000.00
New Addition (1960-\$75,000) Balance	45,000.00
Water Meters	36,000.00
Balance of Inside Debt Limit	90,000.00
Borrowing Capacity January 1, 1967	<u>413,962.00</u>

EXISTING TOWN DEBT

Outside town debt limit, Principal

Red Oak School (1964-\$785,000.00) Balance	785,000.00
Elementary School (1952-\$300,000.00) Balance	75,000.00
Pentucket Regional School (1956-777,935.)Balance	456,854.00
Inside Debt Limit	
Elementary School (noted above) Balance	54,000.00
Water Meters Balance	36,000.00
	<u>1,406,854.00</u>

INTEREST ON ABOVE

Inside Debt Limit - Elementary School	\$ 200.00
Inside Debt Limit-Elementary School Add.	1,572.00
Inside Debt Limit-Red Oak School	31,045.81
Outside Debt Limit-Elementary School	1,687.50
Outside Debt Limit-Pentucket Reg. School	106,886.00
Outside Debt Limit-Water	1,170.00
TOTAL	<u>\$142,561.31</u>

Reimbursements will be received from the State of Mass, on principal only at the following rates:

Elementary School	50%
Elementary School Addition	50%
Pentucket Regional School	65%

- Art. 36. Printing Town By-Laws
Recommended \$175.
- Art. 37. Funds for Youth Center
Not Recommended
- Art. 38. Funds for Merrimac Industrial Development Commission
Recommended \$1,200.
- Art. 39. Purchase traffic markers and street signs
Recommended \$400.
- Art. 40. Funds for committee for Indian Head Park
Recommended \$400. (Transfer from S. R.)
- Art. 41. Compensation for full time assessor
Not Recommended
- Art. 42. Committee for study of buildings needs of Highway and Fire Dept.
Recommended

FINANCE BOARD Recap of Reserve Fund

Transferred To:

Selectmen ex.	\$ 125.00
Accountant sal.	140.00
Accountant ex.	300.00
Registrars ex.	32.06
Election Officers	200.00
Bonding Town Officers	21.00
Fire Dept.	405.69
Plumbing Inspector	75.00
Snow & Washouts	270.04
Printing Town Reports	50.10
Interest - Short Term	3030.42
Vocational Regional Planning Comm.	100.00
Water Dept.	104.10
TOTAL	<u>\$4853.41</u>

Reserve Fund Balance	146.59
Transferred To	
Surplus Revenue	
TOTAL	<u>\$5000.00</u>

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
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